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THE OCCASIONAL SERVICES

ORDER FOR THE BAPTISM OF INFANTS

¶ *Baptism should be administered at a public Service. When circumstances demand, it may be administered privately, but public announcement thereof shall afterward be made. Parents are urged not to delay the baptism of their children.*

¶ *The names of the parents, of the sponsors, and of the child, with the date and place of birth and of baptism, shall be entered in the Record of the Congregation, and a proper certificate issued.*

¶ *Only members of the Church shall be accepted as sponsors.*

¶ *Baptism may be administered at any of the regular Services or at a specially appointed Service. When administered at* The Service, *the Order here given may follow the* Creed *or the* General Prayer; *when at* Vespers, *it may follow the* Lessons *or the* Sermon; *when at a specially appointed Service, the Order may be preceded by a* Hymn.

¶ *The Minister may lay his hand on the head of the child during the repetition of the* Lord's Prayer.

¶ *The Minister shall say:*

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

DEARLY Beloved: Forasmuch as all men are conceived and born in sin, and our Saviour Jesus Christ hath said, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God: I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of His goodness and mercy He will receive *this child*, by baptism, into the Church of the Redeemer, and make *him* a living member of the same.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: We call upon Thee for *this child*, and beseech Thee to bestow upon *him* the gift of Thy baptism and Thine everlasting grace by the washing of regeneration. Receive *him*, O Lord, as Thou hast promised by Thy well-beloved Son, saying: Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

HEAR the Holy Gospel, which saith:
They brought young children to Him, that He should touch them: and His disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them: Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

ALL power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.
He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.

¶ *Then shall all say:*

OUR Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily

bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say to those who present the child:*

IN obedience to our Lord's command you bring *this child* for Holy Baptism. I therefore ask you:

Do you renounce the devil, and all his works, and all his ways?

Answer: Yes, I renounce.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Let us all confess the Faith into which we have been baptized, and into which *this child* is now to be baptized.

¶ *Then shall all say the* Apostles' Creed.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost. Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

¶ *Then, addressing those who present the child, the Minister shall say:*

Do you present *this child* to be baptized into this Christian Faith?

Answer: I do.

Do you promise to instruct *him* in the Word of God, and to bring *him* up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Answer: Yes, I promise.

¶ *The Minister may now ask:* How shall this child be named? *and shall then baptize* him *by applying the water three times as he saith:*

N., I BAPTIZE thee: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister, laying his hand on the head of the child, shall say:*

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath begotten thee again of water and the Holy Ghost, and hath forgiven thee all thy sin, strengthen thee with His grace unto life everlasting. Amen.

Peace be with thee.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and most Merciful God and Father, we thank Thee that Thou dost graciously preserve and extend Thy Church, and that Thou hast granted to *this child* the new birth in Holy Baptism, and received *him* as Thy *child* and *heir* to Thy kingdom; and we humbly beseech Thee to defend and keep *him* in this grace, that *he* may never depart from Thee, but may always live according to Thy will, and finally receive the fullness of Thy promise in Thine eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say to those who have presented the child:*

I NOW admonish you who have done so charitable a work to *this child* in *his* Baptism, that ye diligently and faithfully teach *him* the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer; and that, as *he grows* in

years, ye place in *his* hands the Holy Scriptures, bring *him* to the Services of God's House; and provide for *his* instruction in the Christian Faith, that, abiding in the covenant of *his* Baptism, and in communion with the Church, *he* may be brought up to lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

THE Blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with you alway. *Amen.*

AN ALTERNATE FORM OF QUESTIONS

¶ *In place of the questions, page 7, the following, which are of ancient origin and wide usage in the Church, may be used.*

SINCE in Christian love you present *this child* for Holy Baptism, I call upon you to answer in *his* stead.

Dost thou renounce the devil, and all his works, and all his ways?

Answer: Yes, I renounce.

Dost thou believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth? And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; Descended into hell; The third day rose again from the dead; Ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; Whence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead? And in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting?

Answer: I believe.

Dost thou desire to be baptized into this Christian Faith?

Answer: I do.

¶ *The baptism shall then proceed according to the Order* (*page 8*) *beginning with the words:* N., I baptize thee, etc.

LAY BAPTISM

¶ *If the child be in extreme illness, and there be no time to call the Minister, any Christian man or woman may administer baptism, being careful to use with the water, the words:* N., I baptize thee: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. *The* Lord's Prayer *may then be said.*

¶ *Such baptism shall, in all cases, be reported to the Minister, who shall inquire:* Whether the child was baptized with water; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost? *If he so find, he shall enter the same in the Record of the Congregation as a true Christian baptism, but if he be uncertain whether the child has been properly baptized, he shall baptize* him *according to the Order.*

CONFIRMATION OF LAY BAPTISM

¶ *Baptism administered by a lay person may afterward be publicly confirmed at a Service of the Church. In such case the child shall be brought to the church, and the person who administered the baptism and the witnesses shall also be present.*

¶ *The Minister shall ask the following questions:*

BY whom was this baptism administered?
Who were present?
Was the child baptized with water?
Was the child baptized with the use of the words: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost?

¶ *These questions having been satisfactorily answered, the Minister shall say:*

FORASMUCH as you have done this in obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare this baptism to have been properly administered.

Let us pray.

¶ *Then the Minister, laying his hand upon the head of the child, shall say the* Lord's Prayer.

¶ *Then shall he say:*

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath begotten thee again of water and the Holy Ghost, and hath forgiven thee all thy sin, strengthen thee with His grace unto life everlasting. Amen.

Peace be with thee.

ORDER FOR THE BAPTISM OF ADULTS

¶ *When a person who has not been baptized in infancy, desires to confess his faith in Christ and to receive Holy Baptism, he shall first be instructed in the Christian Faith as it is set forth in the* Small Catechism.

¶ *The baptism of adults shall be administered in the church, in the presence of the Congregation, except in cases of urgent necessity. When administered privately, public announcement of the baptism shall be made at the next Service of the Congregation.*

¶ *The Candidate shall present himself for baptism, and the Minister, addressing the Congregation, shall say:*

DEARLY Beloved: Forasmuch as all men are conceived and born in sin, and by thought, word, and deed, transgress God's Holy Law; and forasmuch as our Saviour Jesus Christ hath said, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God: I beseech you to call upon God, the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that, of His goodness and mercy, He will receive *this person* by baptism into the Church of the Redeemer, and make *him a* living *member* of the same.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: We call upon Thee for *this* Thy *servant*, and beseech Thee to bestow upon *him* the gift of Thy baptism and Thine everlasting grace by the washing of regeneration. Receive *him*, O Lord, as Thou hast promised by Thy well-beloved Son, saying: Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

HEAR the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.

¶ *Then shall all say:*

OUR Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister ask the person to be baptized:*

DOST thou renounce the devil, and all his works, and all his ways?

Answer: Yes, I renounce.

Dost thou believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth? And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; Descended into hell; The third day rose again from the dead; Ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; Whence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead? And in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting?

Answer: I believe.

Dost thou desire to be baptized into this Christian Faith?

Answer: I do.

Dost thou promise to abide in this Faith?

Answer: Yes, by the help of God.

Dost thou promise, as a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, to remain faithful to its teachings, and to be diligent in the use of the Means of Grace?

Answer: Yes, by the help of God.

¶ *Then shall the Candidate kneel, and the Minister shall baptize him by applying the water three times as he saith:*

N., I BAPTIZE thee: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister, laying his hand on the head of the person baptized, shall say:*

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath begotten thee again of water and the Holy Ghost, and hath forgiven thee all thy sins, strengthen thee with His grace unto life everlasting. Amen.

Peace be with thee.

¶ *Then shall the Congregation rise, and the Minister shall say:*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who hast vouchsafed to regenerate *this* Thy *servant* by water and the Spirit, and hast forgiven *him* all *his* sins: Strengthen *him*, we beseech Thee, with the Holy Ghost, the Comforter; and daily increase in *him* Thy manifold gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and might; the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord, now and forever; through

Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the person baptized rise, and the Minister, giving his right hand, shall say:*

IN the Name of the Lord Jesus, Whom thou hast confessed and promised to serve, I hereby declare thee a member of this Congregation, and authorize thee to receive the Lord's Supper and to participate in all the spiritual privileges of the Church.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say to the Congregation:*

AND now, I admonish you, the members of this Congregation, to acknowledge and receive *this* your *fellow-member* as your *brother* and *heir* with you in Christ Jesus, and ever to pray that God may perfect the work which He hath begun in *him* by His Holy Spirit.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

THE Blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with thee alway. *Amen.*

¶ *When adults are admitted to the Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, the Rite of Confirmation shall not be administered to them.*

¶ *If adults are to be baptized and others are to be confirmed at the same Service, Baptism shall first be administered according to the foregoing Order, beginning with the* Prayer: Almighty and Everlasting God, *and concluding with the words:* Peace be with thee, *after the baptism. The persons baptized shall remain at the Altar, or if baptized at the Font they shall now come to the Altar.*

¶ *Then shall follow the Confirmation, according to the Order provided, as far as and including the* Prayer of Blessing.

¶ *Then shall the persons baptized and those confirmed rise, and the Minister, giving his right hand to each, shall say:* In the Name of the Lord Jesus, etc., *and the Service shall continue according to the* Order for Confirmation, *except that the* Lord's Prayer *shall be omitted.*

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ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION

¶ *Candidates for* Confirmation *shall be instructed in the Christian Faith, as it is set forth in the* Small Catechism, *and be approved in such manner as may be deemed satisfactory by the Pastor and Church Council.*

¶ *Confirmation admits to all the spiritual rights and privileges of the Church; participation in the temporal affairs of the Congregation is governed by its Constitution.*

¶ *The Seasons of* Easter *and* Pentecost *have been regarded from ancient times as the most fitting for the administration of Confirmation, though it may be administered at any time.*

¶ *Confirmation shall be administered at a public Service of the Congregation. In case of serious illness or pressing necessity, it may be administered privately in the presence of members of the Church. In such case the Confirmation shall be publicly announced to the Congregation.*

¶ *When Confirmation is administered at* The Service, *this Order shall follow the* General Prayer.

¶ *A* Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost *shall be sung.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister announce the names of those to be confirmed, and they shall come to the Altar.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

DEARLY Beloved: In Holy Baptism you were received by our Lord Jesus Christ and made members of His Holy Church; in accordance with our Lord's command, you have been instructed in the Word of God and led to the knowledge of His will and of His gracious Gospel; and you now desire to be confirmed.

I therefore ask each of you:

DOST thou renounce the devil, and all his works, and all his ways?

Answer: Yes, I renounce.

Dost thou believe in God the Father Almighty?

Answer: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Dost thou believe in Jesus Christ?

Answer: I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Dost thou believe in the Holy Ghost?

Answer: I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting.

Dost thou promise to abide in this Faith?

Answer: Yes, by the help of God.

Dost thou promise, as a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, to remain faithful to its teachings and to be diligent in the use of the Means of Grace?

Answer: Yes, by the help of God.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who hast vouchsafed to regenerate these Thy servants by water and the Spirit, and hast forgiven them all their sins: Strengthen them, we beseech Thee, with the Holy Ghost, the Comforter; and daily increase in them Thy manifold gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and might; the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord, now and forever; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the candidates kneel, and the Minister shall lay his hand, or hands, on the head of each and say the* Prayer of Blessing.

¶ *A* Text of Holy Scripture *for each candidate may be said before the Prayer of Blessing.*

THE Father in Heaven, for Jesus' sake, renew and increase in thee the gift of the Holy Ghost, to thy strengthening in faith, to thy growth in grace, to thy patience in suffering, and to the blessed hope of everlasting life.

¶ *Each one confirmed shall say:*

Amen.

¶ *Then shall they rise, and the Minister, giving his right hand to each, shall say:*

IN the Name of the Lord Jesus, Whom thou hast confessed and promised to serve, I hereby declare thee a member of this Congregation, and authorize thee to receive the Lord's Supper and to participate in all the spiritual privileges of the Church.

¶ *Then shall the Congregation rise and the Minister shall say:*

AND now, I admonish you, the members of this Congregation, to acknowledge and receive these your fellow-members as your brethren and heirs with you in Christ Jesus, and ever to pray that God may perfect the work which He hath begun in them by His Holy Spirit.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

The Lord be with you.

℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and Merciful God, Heavenly Father, Who only workest in us to will and to do the things that please Thee: Confirm, we beseech Thee, the work which Thou hast begun in these Thy servants; that, abiding in the communion of Thy Church and in the faith of Thy Gospel, no false doctrine, no lusts of the

flesh, nor love of the world may lead them away from Thee, nor from the truth which they have confessed; but that, in joyful obedience to Thy Word, they may ever know Thee more perfectly, love Thee more fervently, and serve Thee in every good word and deed, to the blessing of their fellow-men, the edification of Thy people and the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall all say:*

OUR Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister dismiss them, saying:*

THE Blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with you alway. *Amen.*

¶ *Then, if the Administration of the Holy Communion does not follow,* Psalm 23 *or a* Hymn *may be sung, and the* Benediction *shall be said.*

ORDER FOR PUBLIC CONFESSION

PREPARATORY TO THE HOLY COMMUNION

¶ *The* Order for Public Confession *is a Vesper Service, and should be appointed for the afternoon or evening of the Friday or Saturday preceding the Holy Communion, when all who purpose to commune should be present.*

¶ *When the Confessional Service immediately precedes* The Service, *the Order shall begin with the words:* In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. ℟. Amen. *Then shall follow: The* Exhortation, *the* Confession, *the* Absolution *and the* New Testament Benediction. The Service *shall begin with the* Introit for the Day.

¶ *A* Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost, *or another suitable Hymn may be sung.*

¶ *The* Versicles *with the* Gloria Patri *shall be sung or said, the Congregation standing until the end of the* Psalm.

MAKE haste, O God, to deliver me.

℟. Make haste to help me, O Lord.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

℟. A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

℟. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be sung or said this* Psalm:

PSALM 51. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving kindness: according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity: and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight: that Thou mightest be justified when Thou speakest, and be clear when Thou judgest.

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity: and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part Thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to hear joy and gladness: that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

Hide Thy face from my sins: and blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence: and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation: and uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways: and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

O LORD, open Thou my lips: and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall one or more of the following* Lessons of Holy Scripture *be read:*

Exodus 20 : 1–17.
Daniel 9 : 4–9, 17–19.
Isaiah 57 : 14–21.
Isaiah 1 : 11–18.
1 John 1 : 5–9.
1 Corinthians 11 : 23–29.
Matthew 5 : 21–29.
Matthew 11 : 25–30.
Mark 12 : 28–31.
Luke 13 : 1–9.
Luke 15 : 1, 2, 11–31.
John 13 : 1–17.
John 20 : 19–23.

¶ *Then may follow an* Address *or* Sermon, *after which shall be sung a* Hymn.

¶ *Then shall the Congregation rise, and the Minister shall read the following* Exhortation:

DEARLY Beloved! Forasmuch as we purpose to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it becometh us diligently to examine ourselves, as St. Paul exhorteth us. For this Holy Sacrament hath been instituted for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins, and who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

But if we thus examine ourselves, we shall find in us nothing but sin and death, from which we can in no wise set ourselves free. Therefore our Lord Jesus Christ hath had mercy upon us, and hath taken upon Himself our nature, that so He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God, and for us and for our deliverance suffer death and all that we by our sins have deserved. And to the end that we should the more confidently believe this, and be strengthened by our faith in cheerful obedience to His will, He hath instituted the Holy Sacrament of His Supper, in which He giveth us His Body to eat, and His Blood to drink.

Therefore whoso eateth of this Bread and drinketh of this Cup, firmly believing the words of Christ, dwelleth in Christ, and Christ in Him, and hath eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death, that He was delivered for our offences, and raised again for our justification, and, rendering unto Him most hearty thanks for the same, take up our cross and follow Him; and, according to His commandment, love one another even as He hath loved us. For we are all one body, even as we are all partakers of this one Bread, and drink of this one Cup.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, unto Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love

Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister begin the* Confession, *as here followeth:*

I ASK you in the presence of Almighty God, Who searcheth the heart:

DO you truly acknowledge, confess, and lament that you are by nature sinful, and that by omitting to do good and by doing evil you have in thought, word, and deed, grieved and offended your God and Saviour, and thereby justly deserved His condemnation?

If this be the sincere confession of your hearts, declare it by saying: Yes.

Answer: Yes.

DO you truly believe that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and that all who believe on His Name receive the forgiveness of sins? Do you, therefore, earnestly desire to be delivered from all your sins, and are you confident that it is the gracious will of your Heavenly Father, for Christ's Sake, to forgive your sins and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness?

If so, confess it by saying: Yes.

Answer: Yes.

IS it your earnest purpose, henceforth, to be obedient to the Holy Spirit, so as to hate and forsake all manner of sin, to live as in God's presence, and to strive daily after holiness of heart and life?

If so, answer: Yes.

Answer: Yes.

Let us humbly kneel, and make confession unto God, imploring His forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Lord.

¶ *Then shall all kneel, and say:*

O GOD, our Heavenly Father, I confess unto Thee that I have grievously sinned against Thee in many ways; not only by outward transgression, but also by secret thoughts and desires, which I cannot fully understand, but which are all known unto Thee. I do earnestly repent, and am heartily sorry for these my offences, and I beseech Thee of Thy great goodness to have mercy upon me, and for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to forgive my sins, and graciously to help my infirmities. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister rise and say the* Absolution. *The Congregation shall remain kneeling until after the* Benediction.

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and for the sake of the sufferings, death, and resurrection of His dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, forgiveth us all our sins. As a Minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you who do truly repent and believe in Him, the entire forgiveness of all your sins: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

On the other hand, by the same authority, I declare unto the impenitent and unbelieving, that so long as they continue in their impenitence, God hath not forgiven their sins, and will assuredly visit their iniquities upon them, if they turn not from their evil ways, and come to true repentance and faith in Christ, ere the day of grace be ended.

¶ *Then shall the Minister kneel, and all shall say the* Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into

temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say the* Collect for the Day *except when* The Service *immediately follows this Order.*

¶ *Then may other suitable Collects be said, and after them the* Collect for Peace.

℣. The Lord will give strength unto His people.
℟. The Lord will bless His people with peace.

O GOD, from Whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto Thy servants that peace, which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *The Minister shall rise and say the* Benediction.

THE Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

ORDER FOR PRIVATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

¶ Private Confession and Absolution *has been used by the Church from ancient times, and persons who are burdened in conscience on account of sin may always seek the personal ministration of the Pastor before the Holy Communion, or at any other time. In such case the Penitent may use his own words or the following* Confession:

O GOD, our Heavenly Father, I confess unto Thee that I have grievously sinned against Thee in many ways; not only by outward transgression, but also by secret thoughts and desires, which I cannot fully understand, but which are all known unto Thee. I do earnestly repent, and am heartily sorry for these my offences, and I beseech Thee of Thy great goodness to have mercy upon me, and for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to forgive my sins, and graciously to help my infirmities. Amen.

¶ *After the Confession, the Pastor shall say the* Absolution:

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon thee, and for the sake of the sufferings, death, and resurrection of His dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, forgiveth thee all thy sins. Upon the confession which thou hast made, and in obedience to our Lord's command, I declare unto thee the entire forgiveness of all thy sins: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

¶ *Then shall the Pastor say:*

THE Blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with thee alway. Amen.

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ORDER FOR THE COMMUNION OF THE SICK

¶ The Lord's Supper *shall be administered only to those who sincerely repent and believe in Jesus Christ, and who are able rightly to receive the Bread and Wine; whereof the Minister shall be reasonably assured before administering the Sacrament.*

¶ *If the sick person be so weak, or in such peril of death, that the entire Order here given cannot be followed, it shall suffice to use the* Words of Institution, *and to administer the* Bread *and* Wine.

¶ Confession and Absolution *should always precede the* Communion of the Sick.

¶ *The sick person may use his own words, or the following Confession; or, the Minister may say these words, the sick person consenting thereto and affirming the confession as his own; or, the Minister may use the* Order for Public Confession, *or parts thereof.*

¶ *The Minister shall say:*

DEARLY Beloved: Forasmuch as thou desirest to receive the Holy Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for the comfort and relief of thy conscience, and for the strengthening of thy faith, in this thine affliction; it is meet and right that thou shouldest make confession of thy sins, obtain in the Absolution assurance of forgiveness, and thus be prepared worthily to receive the Holy Supper.

¶ *The sick person may say:*

O GOD, our Heavenly Father, I confess unto Thee that I have grievously sinned against Thee in many ways; not only by outward transgression, but also by secret thoughts and desires, which I cannot fully understand, but which are all known unto Thee. I do earnestly repent, and am heartily sorry for these my offences, and I beseech Thee of Thy great goodness to have mercy upon me, and for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to forgive my sins, and graciously to help my infirmities. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister give the* Absolution, *saying:*

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon thee, and for the sake of the sufferings, death, and resurrection of His dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, forgiveth thee all thy sins. Upon the confession which thou hast made, and in obedience to our Lord's command, I declare unto thee the entire forgiveness of all thy sins: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

THE Blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with thee alway. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister prepare for the Administration of the Sacrament.*

¶ *The regular* Order for the Holy Communion *may be used, or the following* Order.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say this* Introit:

UNTO Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in Thee: let me not be ashamed. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say the* Gospel, John 3 : 16.

GOD so loved the world, that He gave His Only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

¶ *Then shall be said the* Apostles' Creed.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified,

dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister turn to the table whereon the Bread and Wine have been placed, and shall say:*

OUR Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall he take the Paten, with the Bread, and say:*

OUR Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of Me.

¶ *Then shall he give the Bread, saying:*

TAKE and eat, this is the Body of Christ, given for thee.

¶ *Then shall he take the Cup, and say:*

AFTER the same manner also, He took the cup, when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My Blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission

of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

¶ *Then shall he give the Wine, saying:*

TAKE and drink, this is the Blood of the New Testament, shed for thy sins.

¶ *After he hath given the Bread and the Cup, the Minister shall say:*

THE Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious Blood strengthen and preserve thee in true faith unto everlasting life.

¶ *Then shall be said the* Thanksgiving:

℣. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.
℟. And His mercy endureth for ever.

WE thank Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed this Thy servant with this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee, of Thy mercy, to strengthen *him*, through the same, in faith toward Thee, in love toward all mankind, in patience under trials, and in the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

THE Lord bless thee, and keep thee.
The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.

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LESSONS AND PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

¶ *The* Lessons and Prayers *here following are intended for the guidance of the Minister in the visitation of the sick, and for private use by the afflicted.*

¶ *In cases of illness the Minister should be informed, in order that he may visit the sick person and comfort and strengthen him with Word and Sacrament.*

¶ *The Minister's visits should be brief.*

¶ *The Minister may, at his discretion, read suitable passages of Scripture, as indicated below, and shall say one or more of the Prayers, or any other suitable prayer.*

I

THE USES OF AFFLICTION

Psalms

27, 30, 42.

Lessons

James 5 : 14–16; Jer. 29 : 11–14; Lam. 3 : 18–33; Matt. 8 : 1–13; John 5 : 1–14; Heb. 12 : 6–13; James 1 : 2–12; 1 Peter 1 : 3–25; 4 : 1–19.

Sentences

MANY are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all. *Ps.* 34 : 19.

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. *Ps.* 126 : 5, 6.

Whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as the father the son in whom he delighteth. *Prov.* 3 : 12.

Behold, I have refined thee: I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. *Isa.* 48 : 10.

My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are

your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. *Isa.* 55 : 8, 9.

I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. *Jer.* 31 : 3.

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. *2 Cor.* 4 : 17, 18.

We glory in tribulations; knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed: because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. *Rom.* 5 : 3–5.

I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. *Rom.* 8 : 18.

Prayers

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, Who tenderly carest for us in our need and sorrow, and gavest thy Son to be tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin, that we might have a faithful High Priest Who can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities: We Thy children beseech Thee to strengthen and comfort our afflicted *brother* by Thy Holy Spirit in faith and patience, that *his* sickness may be to Thy glory and the salvation of *his* soul; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, look down from heaven, behold, visit and relieve Thy *servant*, for whom we offer our supplications; look upon *him* with the eyes of Thy mercy; give *him* comfort and sure confidence in Thee; defend

him from the danger of the enemy, and keep *him* in perpetual peace and safety; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

For Use by the Afflicted

O GOD, Who ever beholdest Thy children with tender affection: Incline Thine ear to my supplications, and graciously regard me, upon whom Thou hast laid the hand of affliction; visit me with Thy salvation, and bestow upon me the healing of Thy heavenly grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

II

KNOWLEDGE OF SIN AND REPENTANCE

Psalms

6, 31, 38, 51, 102, 130, 138, 139, 143.

Lessons

Jer. 30 : 12–15, 17; Lam. 3 : 37–44, 55–58; Ezek. 18 : 19–24; Dan. 9 : 4–19; Luke 13 : 1–9; Rev. 2 : 1–17; 3 : 1–6.

Sentences

IF we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 *John* 1 : 8, 9.

Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. *Ps.* 19 : 12.

They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice; for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. *Matt.* 9 : 12, 13.

Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy

upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. *Isa.* 55 : 6, 7.

Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you. *Isa.* 59 : 2.

Know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts. *Jer.* 2 : 19.

I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger for ever. Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God. *Jer.* 3 : 12, 13.

Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live. *Ezek.* 33 : 11.

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee. *Luke* 15 : 18.

Prayers

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, Who art ever ready to give good gifts to them that ask Thee: Grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that we may rightly know and lament our sins, and lay hold upon Thy grace and forgiveness in Christ Jesus: to the end that we may die unto sin, live unto Thee, and serve Thee in everlasting righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

For Use by the Afflicted

MY Lord and my God: Thy hand is heavy upon me. Give ear unto my prayer. Look upon mine affliction and my pain, and forgive all my sins. Cause me to know that with Thee there is mercy and plenteous redemption, and make me to hear joy and gladness. Show me Thy mercy, and grant me Thy salvation. Hear me for Jesus' sake. Amen.

III

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST

Psalms

25, 40, 77.

Lessons

Matt. 9 : 1–8; Luke 7 : 36–50; 15 : 1–10, 11–32; John, chapters 14, 15, 16, 17; Rom. 3 : 23–28; 10 : 9–13.

Sentences

GOD so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John* 3 : 16.

Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. This is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believe thon him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. *John* 6 : 35, 37, 40, 47.

I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death. *John* 8 : 12, 51.

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. *Matt.* 11 : 28–30.

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. *John* 1 : 29.

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray, and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. *Isa.* 53 : 4–6.

The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin. 1 *John* 1 : 7.

This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. *John* 17 : 3.

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. *Acts* 4 : 12.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 *Tim.* 1 : 15.

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace. *Eph.* 1 : 7.

God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound. *Rom.* 5 : 8, 20.

We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. 2 *Cor.* 5 : 20, 21.

If any man sin we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 *John* 2 : 1, 2.

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. And it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 1 *John* 3 : 1, 2.

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only-begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation of our sins. 1 *John* 4 : 9, 10.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. *Rev.* 3 : 20.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness. *Isa.* 61 : 10.

Prayers

O GRACIOUS God, Who according to the multitude of Thy mercies dost blot out the sins of those who do truly repent, and rememberest them no more: Look in pity upon *this* Thy *servant* who earnestly desireth Thy forgiveness. Preserve and continue *him* in the unity of the Church; and forasmuch as *he* putteth *his* full trust only in Thy mercy, impute not unto *him his* sins, but strengthen *him* with Thy blessed Spirit; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

For Use by the Afflicted

O ALMIGHTY God, Who by Thy Son hast promised forgiveness of sin and deliverance from everlasting death: Strengthen me, I beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, that my trust in Thy grace in Christ Jesus may daily increase; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, Whose strength is made perfect in weakness, and Who dost not suffer us to be tempted above that we are able: Grant that neither my own negligence, nor grievous temptation, nor the craft and subtlety of the devil, may separate me from Christ my Saviour, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

IV

PATIENCE UNDER SUFFERING, AND TRUST IN GOD'S HELP

Psalms

13, 23, 27, 34, 42, 52, 63 : 1–8, 71, 91, 121.

Lessons

Luke 11 : 1–13; 18 : 1–8; Acts 3 : 1–10; Rom. 5 : 1–5; 8 : 18–27; Rom. 8 : 28–39; 14 : 7–9; 2 Cor. 1 : 3–7; 4 : 7–18; Jas. 5 : 7–11.

Sentences

COMMIT thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. *Ps.* 37 : 5.

Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. *Ps.* 50 : 15.

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee: yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. *Isa.* 41 : 10.

A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench. *Isa.* 42 : 3.

Fear not; for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; for I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour. *Isa.* 43 : 1–3.

Thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength. *Isa.* 30 : 15.

He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. They that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength. *Isa.* 40 : 29, 31.

The LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted. Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they

may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands. *Isa.* 49 : 13–16.

Jesus said unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. *Matt.* 16 : 24.

We are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Rom.* 8 : 37–39.

Now for a season ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ. 1 *Peter* 1 : 6, 7.

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. *Rom.* 8 : 18.

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you; but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. 1 *Peter* 4 : 12, 13.

He that shall endure until the end, the same shall be saved. Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing instant in prayer. *Matt.* 24 : 13; *Rom.* 12 : 12.

For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. *Heb.* 10 : 36.

He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear. *Heb.* 13 : 5, 6.

Prayers

O LORD of heavenly might, Who rulest over the bodies and souls of men, and in Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ didst heal all manner of infirmities and cure all manner of diseases: Mercifully help Thy servant in body and soul, and free *him* from *his* sickness, if it be Thy will, that restored to health, *he* may with thankful heart bless Thy Holy Name; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Use by the Afflicted

O GOD, the Father in heaven, Who art a faithful God, and sufferest no one to be tempted above that he is able, but with the temptation also makest a way of escape: Let not the cross be too heavy for me, but enable me to bear it with patience.

O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, Who for my sins didst endure the pain of the Cross: Have mercy upon me, forgive my transgressions, and suffer me not to fall from Thee.

O God, the Holy Ghost, the Comforter: Strengthen my faith, grant me Thy peace, and uphold me in my last hour. Amen.

V

PREPARATION FOR DEATH

Psalm

90.

Lessons

Job 14 : 1–5; Isa. 38 : 1–8; 40 : 6–8; 2 Cor. 5 : 1–10; Phil. 1 : 21–30; Luke 2 : 25–32.

Sentences

HERE we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come. *Heb.* 13 : 14.

There remaineth a rest to the people of God. Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest. *Heb.* 4 : 9, 11.

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. *2 Cor.* 5 : 1.

We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. *2 Cor.* 5 : 8.

I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. *2 Tim.* 4 : 6–8, 18.

Our Saviour Jesus Christ hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. *2 Tim.* 1 : 10.

Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth. *Ps.* 31 : 5.

Prayers

O GOD of love and peace, Who didst give Thy Son to die for our redemption: Graciously receive my prayers, and bestow on me Thy mercy; that when my last hour shall come, the enemy may have no power over me, but that I may be among Thy saints in everlasting light; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, Who through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, hast overcome the sharpness of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers: Grant that when my last hour shall come, I may confidently

commend my spirit into Thy hands, and trusting solely in the merits of Thy Son, may die in peace, and enter into the joy of Thy saints; through the same Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

O LAMB of God, that takest away the sin of the world: By Thy bitter Passion, and Thine Agony upon the Cross, have mercy upon me in the hour of my departure; sustain me by Thy presence, and receive me into everlasting life; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

VI

HOPE OF RESURRECTION AND ETERNAL LIFE

Psalms

116, 126.

Lessons

John 5 : 24–29; John 14 : 1–14; Rev. 3 : 7–13; 7 : 13–17; 21 : 1–7; 22 : 1–5.

Sentences

I AM the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. *John* 11 : 25, 26.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me : and I give unto them eternal life ; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. *John* 10 : 27, 28.

Our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. *Phil.* 3 : 20, 21.

All things are yours: whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come: all are yours; and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's. 1 *Cor.* 3 : 21–23.

I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them. *Rev.* 14 : 13.

Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. *Rev.* 2 : 10.

The ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. *Isa.* 35 : 10.

Prayers

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who hast overcome death, and brought life and immortality to light: Give us grace so to believe in Thee, the Resurrection and the Life, that we may not fear death nor dread the grave, but joyfully await the time when, by Thine almighty power, our frail bodies shall be fashioned like unto the body of Thy glory, wherein Thou art exalted forevermore at the Right Hand of the Father; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who wilt come again to judge the quick and the dead, and call forth all who sleep in the graves, either to the resurrection of life or the resurrection of condemnation: I beseech Thee to be gracious to me, and to raise me up to life everlasting, that I may be and abide with Thee for ever; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

VII

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

For the Sick

ALMIGHTY and Immortal God, Giver of life and health: We beseech Thee to hear our prayers for Thy servant, for whom we implore Thy mercy; that by Thy blessing upon *him* and upon those who minister to *him* of Thy healing gifts, he may be restored, if it be Thy gracious will, to health of body and mind, and give thanks to Thee in Thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Sick Child

O ALMIGHTY God and Merciful Father, to Whom belong the issues of life and death: Look in mercy, we beseech Thee, upon this sick child; visit *him*, O Lord, with Thy salvation; deliver *him* from *his* bodily pain, and, if it be Thy will, prolong *his* days, that *he* may live to Thee, and show forth Thy praise in a godly life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

After Recovery from Sickness

BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy Name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits; Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; Who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies.

O GOD, Thou Giver of life and health: Unto Thee do I give thanks that Thou hast been pleased to spare my life, and to restore my health. Make me sensible of Thy merciful goodness, and give me grace to devote myself to Thy service all the days of my life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

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ORDER FOR THE COMMENDATION OF THE DYING

¶ *When a member of the Church is in peril of death, the following Order may be used. If no Minister is present it may be used by the head of the family or any other Christian.*

LORD, have mercy.
℟. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
℟. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
℟. Lord, have mercy.

¶ *Then shall all present say:*

OUR Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

O LORD God, our Heavenly Father, we beseech Thee graciously to accept this Thy servant, forgive *him* all *his* sins, mercifully defend *him* in the hour of *his* death, and grant *him* everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may be said one or more* Psalms *or* Scripture Lessons *as given in* The Lessons and Prayers for the Sick.

¶ *When the end is near, the* Agnus Dei *or the* Nunc Dimittis *may be said.*

THE AGNUS DEI

O CHRIST, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

LORD, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace: according to Thy word;

For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

A light to lighten the Gentiles: and the glory of Thy people Israel.

¶ *Then may the Minister lay his hand on the head of the dying believer, and say:*

DEPART in peace, thou ransomed soul. May God the Father Almighty, Who created thee; and Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God, Who redeemed thee; and the Holy Ghost, Who sanctified thee, preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth, even for evermore. Amen.

¶ *When the soul has departed, the following Prayer may be said:*

LORD Jesus, Thou Prince of Life, we thank Thee that Thou didst keep this our *brother* steadfast in repentance and faith, and that Thou hast now taken *him* to Thyself. Comfort us who remain; help us to the end of life patiently to bear its burdens and trials; and when our last hour shall come, be Thou the strength of our heart and our portion forever; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE Blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with us all, evermore. *Amen.*

ORDER FOR THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

¶ *The* Order for the Burial of the Dead *is provided only for the burial of those who depart this life in the Christian Faith.*

¶ *The death of a member of the Church should be reported immediately to the Pastor, and no arrangements for the burial should be made without consultation with him.*

¶ *This Order may be used in the church, or at the house, before the burial.*

¶ *When the burial precedes the Service held in the church, only the Order provided for use at the grave shall be used at the Committal, and the Order here following shall be used in the church.*

¶ *When a brief Service is held at the house before going to the church, or to the grave, it may include a* Hymn, *a* Lesson, *a* Collect *or* Prayer *and a* Benediction.

¶ *The Order of the Church herein provided shall in no case be interrupted by the exercises of secular organizations, and shall close with the Benediction immediately following the final Collect.*

¶ *The Service may begin with a* Hymn, *after which the Minister shall say:*

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be said the* Kyrie.

LORD, have mercy upon us.
℟. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
℟. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
℟. Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *Then shall be sung or said one or more of the* Psalms *here following. The Psalm may be preceded and followed by an* Antiphon.

PSALM 130. *De profundis.*

Antiphon: If Thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O LORD, who shall stand?

OUT of the depths: have I cried unto Thee, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice: let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If Thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities: O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with Thee: that Thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait: and in His Word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the Lord, more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in the LORD, for with the LORD there is mercy: and with Him is plenteous redemption.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PSALM 90. *Domine, refugium.*

Antiphon: So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

LORD, Thou hast been our dwelling place: in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world: even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction: and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past: and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood, they are

as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass that groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up: in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

For we are consumed by Thine anger: and by Thy wrath are we troubled.

Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee: our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance.

For all our days are passed away in Thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten, and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years: yet is their strength labor and sorrow, for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Who knoweth the power of Thine anger: even according to Thy fear, so is Thy wrath.

So teach us to number our days: that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Return, O LORD, how long: and let it repent Thee concerning Thy servants.

O satisfy us early with Thy mercy: that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad according to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us: and the years wherein we have seen evil.

Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants: and Thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Psalm 23. *Dominus regit me.*

Antiphon: Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commit my spirit. Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

THE Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Instead of these,* Psalm 27, 39, 42, 116, 126, 139 or 146 *may be used.*

¶ *Then shall be read one or more of the following* Lessons of Holy Scripture:

I WOULD not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.
For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. 1 *Thess.* 4 : 13-18.

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. *John* 14 : 1-6.

WHAT shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor

height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Rom.* 8 : 31–39.

THEN answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. For the Father loveth the Son, and showeth him all things that himself doeth: and he will show him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: that all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; and hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. *John* 5 : 19–29.

THEN said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother

shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world. *John* 11 : 21–27.

AND they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them. *Mark* 10 : 13–16.

AND it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people.

Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her.

And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.

And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people. And this rumour

of him went forth throughout all Judea, and throughout all the region round about. *Luke* 7 : 11–17.

WHILE he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples.

And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, he said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose. And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land. *Matt.* 9 : 18, 19, 23–26.

FOR we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (for we walk by faith, not by sight:) we are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. *2 Cor.* 5 : 1–10.

AFTER this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said unto me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. *Rev.* 7 : 9–17.

NOW if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: and if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: and if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain:

ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. 1 *Cor.* 15 : 12–26.

BUT some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?

Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: but God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.

All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.

So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body; it is raised

a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. 1 *Cor.* 15 : 35–58.

¶ 1 Pet. 1 : 3–9, *or* Rev. 21 : 3–7 *may also be read.*

¶ *Then may be sung a* Responsory, *or a* Hymn, *or a suitable* Anthem.

RESPONSORIES

I. *Si bona suscepimus.*

SHALL we receive good at the hand of the LORD, and shall we not receive evil? The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away.

Verse: Blessed be the name of the LORD.

The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away.

II. *Credo, quod Redemptor meus.*

I KNOW that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and in my flesh shall I see God.

Verse: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

And in my flesh shall I see God.

III. *Si credimus.*

IF we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. Wherefore sorrow not even as others which have no hope.

Verse: For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Wherefore sorrow not even as others which have no hope.

IV. *Ecce, quomodo moritus justus.*

BEHOLD, how the righteous dieth, and no man layeth it to heart; and the just are taken away, and none considereth. From the evil to come is he taken away; and his memory shall be in peace.

Verse: In peace he rests in the earth, and in Zion is his habitation.

His memory shall be in peace.

V. *In pace in id ipsum dormiam.*

I WILL lay me down in peace and sleep. None of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.

Verse: Whether we live therefore or die, we are the Lord's.

None of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.

¶ *Then may follow a* Sermon *or an* Address.

¶ *Then may a* Hymn *be sung.*

¶ *Then may one of the following* Canticles *be sung, and with it an* Antiphon.

I. NUNC DIMITTIS

Antiphon: O how glorious is that kingdom wherein all the saints do rejoice with Christ. They are clothed with white robes, and follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.

Or:

Antiphon: I heard a voice from heaven saying, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

LORD, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace: according to Thy word;

For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

A light to lighten the Gentiles: and the glory of Thy people Israel.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

II. BENEDICTUS

Antiphon: He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Or:

Antiphon: I am the Resurrection and the Life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel: for He hath visited and redeemed His people;

And hath raised up a horn of salvation for us: in the house of His servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of His holy prophets: which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies: and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our fathers: and to remember His holy covenant;

The oath which He sware to our father Abraham: that He would grant unto us;

That we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies: might serve Him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before Him: all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto His people: by the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the Dayspring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death: to guide our feet into the way of peace.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

III. THE BEATITUDES

Antiphon: God shall wipe away all tears from the eyes of His saints. And there shall be no more sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.

BLESSED are the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake: rejoice, and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Congregation rise and the following* Prayers, *or other Prayers, shall be said:*

O GOD, the Father in heaven:
℟. Have mercy upon us.

O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world:
℟. Have mercy upon us.

O God, the Holy Ghost, the Comforter:
℟. Grant us Thy peace.

¶ *Then shall all say:*

OUR Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then may the Minister say one or more of the following Collects:*

ALMIGHTY God, Who by the death of Thy Son hast destroyed sin and death, and by His resurrection hast restored innocence and everlasting life, in order

that we might be delivered from the dominion of the devil, and our mortal bodies be raised up from the dead: Grant that with our whole heart we may confidently believe this, and, finally, with all Thy saints, share in the joyful resurrection of the just; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, our Heavenly Father, Who hast taught us by Thy holy Apostle not to sorrow overmuch for them that sleep in Jesus: Mercifully grant, that after this life, we, with all Thy saints, may be received into everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, with Whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with Whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity: We give Thee hearty thanks for Thy grace bestowed upon Thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors; and we beseech Thee, that we, with all who have departed in the true faith of Thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and most Merciful God, Who hast appointed us to endure sufferings and death with our Lord Jesus Christ, before we enter with Him into eternal glory: Grant us grace at all times to subject ourselves to Thy holy will, and to continue steadfast in the true faith unto the end of our lives, and at all times to find peace and joy in the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead, and of the glory of the world to come; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, the Consolation of the sorrowful, and the Strength of the weak: May the prayers of them that in any tribulation or distress cry unto Thee, graciously come before Thee, so that in all their necessities they may mark and receive Thy manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

At the Burial of a Child

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, within Whose arms little children were welcomed, and from Whose lips fell the gracious words that theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven: Help us steadfastly to believe that this child, whom Thou didst receive in holy baptism, hath now been raised above the sorrows and temptations of this present world, to be kept by Thee unto everlasting life, and to share with all, who by Thy mercy serve Thee here, in the joyful resurrection of the just, and the bliss of the heavenly inheritance; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Special Prayers or Supplications may here be said, after which shall follow this Collect:*

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who wilt come again to judge the quick and the dead, and call forth all who sleep in the graves, either to the resurrection of life or the resurrection of condemnation: We beseech Thee to be gracious to us, and to raise us up to life everlasting, that we may be and abide with Thee for ever; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

THE Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. *Amen.*

THE SERVICE AT THE GRADE

¶ *When the body has been committed to the grave, the Minister may say:*

I HEARD a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours.

I am the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me, shall never die.

If the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead, shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you.

¶ *If the foregoing has not been used, the Minister may say the following:*

IN the midst of life we are in death. Of whom may we seek for succor, but of Thee, O Lord, Who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour: Suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from Thee.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God of His great mercy, to take unto Himself the soul of our *brother:* we therefore commit *his* body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ; Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working, whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself. Amen

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¶ *Then may a* Hymn *be sung.*

¶ *Then may the Minister say one or both of the following Collects:*

ALMIGHTY God, Who by the death of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, hast destroyed death, and, by His rest in the tomb, hast sanctified the graves of Thy saints, and by His glorious resurrection, hast brought life and immortality to light, so that all who die in Him abide in peace and hope: Receive, we beseech Thee, our unfeigned thanks for the victory over death and the grave which He hath obtained for us and for all who sleep in Him; and keep us, who are still in the body, in everlasting fellowship with all that wait for Thee on earth, and with all around Thee in heaven, in union with Him, Who is the Resurrection and the Life, even Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who by Thy death didst take away the sting of death: Grant unto us Thy servants so to follow in faith where Thou hast led the way, that we may at length fall peacefully asleep in Thee, and awake after Thy likeness; through Thy mercy, O our Lord, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

THE Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy ~~Ghost~~ Spirit, be with you all. *Amen.*

Or:

NOW the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will; working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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ORDER FOR MARRIAGE

¶ *Before solemnizing a Marriage, the Minister shall diligently inquire: First, as to whether the union contemplated be in accordance with the Word of God; Second, whether it be in accordance with the Laws of the State. No Marriage shall be solemnized unless the Minister be convinced that God's blessing may properly be asked upon it.*

¶ *The Minister may publish the* Banns *in the church, one or more Sundays before the day appointed for the Marriage, saying:*

N. N. and *N. N.* purpose to enter into the holy estate of Matrimony, according to God's ordinance. They desire that prayer be made for them, that they may enter into this union in the Name of the Lord, and be prospered in it. If any one can show just cause why they may not be joined together, I exhort him to make known such objection before the day of marriage.

¶ *When a Marriage is solemnized in the church, a* Hymn *may be sung, and* Psalm 67 *or* Psalm 128 *may be sung or said, ending with the* Gloria Patri.

¶ *When a Marriage is solemnized in the home, the rubrics pertaining to the Chancel and the Altar (page 67) shall be disregarded.*

¶ *The Persons to be married having presented themselves at the entrance to the Chancel, the Man to the right of the Woman, the Minister shall say:*

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

DEARLY Beloved: Forasmuch as Marriage is a holy estate, ordained of God, and to be held in honor by all, it becometh those who enter therein to weigh, with reverent minds, what the Word of God teacheth concerning it:

THE Lord God said,
It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

HAVE ye not read that He which made them at the beginning, made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore, they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

The Apostle Paul, speaking by the Holy Spirit, saith:

HUSBANDS love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

And although, by reason of sin, many a cross hath been laid thereon, nevertheless our gracious Father in heaven doth not forsake His children in an estate so holy and acceptable to Him, but is ever present with His abundant blessing.

INTO this holy estate, this Man and this Woman come now to be united. If any one, therefore, can show just cause why they may not be lawfully joined together, let him now speak, or else forever hold his peace.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say to the Man:*

N. WILT thou have this Woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor and keep her in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

¶ *The Man shall say:*

I will.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say to the Woman:*

WILT thou have this Man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honor and keep him in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

¶ *The Woman shall say:*

I will.

¶ *If the Woman be* Given in Marriage, *the Minister shall now receive her at the hands of her father (or guardian or any friend), the Woman placing her right hand in the hand of the Minister. Then shall the Minister place the right hand of the Woman in the right hand of the Man. Then shall they loose their hands.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister precede the Man and the Woman to the Altar. The Man shall take the right hand of the Woman and say after the Minister:*

I, *N.*, take thee, *N.*, to my wedded Wife, and plight thee my troth, till death us do part.

¶ *Then shall the Woman, in like manner, say after the Minister:*

I, *N.*, take thee, *N.*, to my wedded Husband, and plight thee my troth, till death us do part.

¶ *If the wedding Ring be used, the Minister shall now receive it and give it to the Man to put on the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand.*

¶ *Then shall the Man say, or if two rings be used, the Man and the Woman, in turn, shall say, after the Minister:*

Receive this Ring as a token of wedded love and troth.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Join your right hands.

¶ *Then shall the Minister lay his right hand upon their hands and say:*

FORASMUCH as *N.* and *N.* have consented together in holy wedlock, and have declared the same before God and in the presence of this company,

I pronounce them Man and Wife, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

¶ *Then may they kneel and the Minister may bless them, saying:*

THE Lord God, Who created our first parents and sanctified their union in Marriage: Sanctify and bless you, that ye may please Him both in body and soul, and live together in holy love until life's end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and most Merciful God, Who hast now united this man and this woman in the holy estate of Matrimony: Grant them grace to live therein according to Thy Holy Word; strengthen them in constant fidelity and true affection toward each other; sustain and defend them amidst all ~~trials and~~ temptations; and help them so to pass through this world in faith toward Thee, in communion with Thy Holy Church, and in loving service one of the other, that they may enjoy forever Thy heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall all say:*

OUR Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say the* Benediction:

THE Lord bless you, and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. *Amen.*

¶ *If a simpler form is desired, the Order* (*page 66*) *may be as follows:*

N. WILT thou have this Woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor and keep her in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

¶ *The Man shall say:*

I will.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say to the Woman:*

N. WILT thou have this Man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honor and keep him in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

¶ *The Woman shall say:*

I will.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Join your right hands.

¶ *Then shall the Minister lay his right hand upon their hands and say:*

FORASMUCH as *N.* and *N.* have consented together in holy wedlock, and have declared the same before God and in the presence of this company, I pronounce them Man and Wife, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

¶ *Then shall be said the* Collect, *the* Lord's Prayer, *and the* Benediction.

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ORDER FOR ORDINATION

¶ Ordination *shall be administered by authority of a Synod, and according to its appointment.*

¶ *The* Order for Ordination *shall be conducted by the President of Synod, or, in his absence, by a Minister whom he shall appoint.*

¶ *One or more Ministers thereto appointed may participate in the* Laying on of Hands.

¶ The Service *shall be used, with the following* Introit, Collect, Epistle *and* Gospel.

INTROIT

THEY go from strength to strength: every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house: they will be still praising Thee.

Ps. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed: shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECT

O LORD God, Which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: Grant unto Thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak Thy Word, that wonders of Thy grace may be wrought by the Name of Thy Holy Child Jesus, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. Romans 10 : 6–15.

THE righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith,

which we preach; that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

GOSPEL. Luke 10 : 2–11, 16.

THEREFORE said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way. And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again. And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: and heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say, Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth

on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.

¶ *After the* General Prayer, *the* Hymn: Veni Creator Spiritus (*No. 142*), *or another* Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost, *shall be sung.*

¶ *Then shall the Secretary of Synod, or other Minister appointed, present the candidates for Ordination, saying:*

THE following brethren have been duly approved by . . . . . [*Here he shall name the Synod with the day and place of meeting*] as those to whom the Ministry of the Gospel should be committed. By direction of the Synod, therefore, I present these brethren for Ordination to the Holy Ministry.

¶ *Here shall be read the names of the candidates, who shall then present themselves before the Altar.*

¶ *The officiating Minister shall say:*

The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

℣. Create in me a clean heart, O God:
℟. And renew a right spirit within me.

O GOD, Who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

℣. Their sound went into all the earth:
℟. And their words unto the end of the world.

O GOD, the Giver of every good and perfect gift: Pour, we beseech Thee, upon these Thy servants

Thy heavenly benediction; and so replenish them with the truth of Thy doctrine and adorn them with holiness of life, that, meditating upon Thy law day and night, they may believe what they read, teach what they believe, show forth in their lives what they teach, and, faithfully serving Thee in their office, may keep that which has been committed to their trust blameless unto the day of Christ Jesus, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the officiating Minister say to the candidates:*

DEARLY Beloved: According to Apostolic usage you are now to be set apart to the Holy Ministry of the Word and Sacraments by the Laying on of Hands.

HEAR, then, what our Lord Jesus Christ saith concerning this holy Office:

Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost; whosesoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them, and whosesoever sins ye retain, they are retained. All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Thus saith the Apostle Paul to Timothy:

THIS is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy

lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; one that ruleth well his own house; not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Thus also the same Apostle exhorteth the Elders of the Church at Ephesus:

TAKE heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His blood.

I THEREFORE ask you, dear Brethren, before Almighty God and this Congregation:

ARE you now ready to take upon you this Holy Ministry, and faithfully to serve in it?

Will you preach and teach the pure Word of God in accordance with the Confession of the Evangelical Lutheran Church?

Will you adorn the doctrine of our Saviour by a holy life and conversation?

¶ *Then shall the candidates answer in turn:*

Yes, with my whole heart, the Lord helping me through the power and grace of His Holy Spirit. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the candidates kneel.*

¶ *The officiating Minister shall then lay his hands on the head of each, and shall say:*

I NOW commit unto thee the Holy Office of the Word and Sacraments; I ordain and consecrate thee a Minister of the Church: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

¶ *Each one ordained shall say:*

Amen.

¶ Then shall all present say:

OUR Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ Then shall be said:

℣. The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

MERCIFUL God, Heavenly Father, Who through Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, hast said unto us, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest: We heartily pray Thee, give Thy Holy Spirit plenteously to these Thy servants, to us, and to all who are called to the Ministry of Thy Word, that we, with a great company, may be Thy true evangelists, and continue faithful and steadfast against the world, the flesh, and the devil, that Thy Name may be hallowed, Thy kingdom come, and Thy will be done; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall they rise, and the officiating Minister shall say:

GO then, and feed the flock of God, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the

flock. And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

THE Blessing of the Lord be upon you, that you may go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit may remain.

¶ *Then shall they answer:*

Amen.

¶ *Then shall follow* The Holy Communion, *beginning with the* Preface.

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ORDER FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A PASTOR

¶ *If the Installation be appointed for the morning, the* Lessons: 1 Timothy 4 : 6–16 *and* John 10 : 1–15 *shall be read before the* Epistle for the Day; *and the* Lord's Prayer *shall be omitted in the* General Prayer. *The* Order for Installation *shall follow the General Prayer and conclude with the* Benediction.

¶ *If the Installation be appointed for the afternoon or evening the* Order for Vespers *shall be used, including the following appointments:* Psalm 121 *or* Psalm 122, *with which may be used the* Antiphon: Oh how I love Thy law: it is my meditation all the day; *the* Lessons: 1 Timothy 4 : 6–16 *and* John 10 : 1–15. *The Order shall follow the* Hymn *after the* Sermon, *and shall be concluded as follows: The* Salutation; *the* Collect for the Day; *the Collect:* Direct us, O Lord (*No. 19*); *the* Versicle *and* Collect for Peace; *the* Benedicamus *and the* New Testament Benediction.

¶ *The officiating Minister shall say to the Congregation:*

DEARLY Beloved: Having been authorized to install, as Pastor of this Congregation, the Reverend *N. N.*, our fellow-laborer in the Gospel of Christ, I now ask for the certification of his call.

¶ *A Certificate signed by the Church Council or its Secretary, attesting the election of the Minister to be installed, shall then be placed in the hands of the officiating Minister, to be read by him to the Congregation.*

¶ *The Pastor-elect shall then present himself before the Altar, and the officiating Minister shall say:*

HEAR the Word of the Lord concerning the Office of the Holy Ministry:

Thus saith the Lord Jesus to His disciples:

AS my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whosesoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosesoever sins ye retain, they are retained.

All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Thus saith the Apostle Paul to Timothy:

BE thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation. to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

I ASK you. therefore, dear Brother, in the presence of God and of this Congregation:

ARE you now ready to take upon you the office of Pastor of this Congregation (*Parish*) and faithfully to serve therein?

Will you preach and teach the pure Word of God, and administer your office in accordance with the Confession of the Evangelical Lutheran Church?

Will you adorn the doctrine of our Saviour by a godly life and conversation?

¶ *The Pastor-elect shall answer:*

Yes, I will, by the help of God.

¶ *Then shall the Congregation rise, and the officiating Minister shall say.*

DEARLY Beloved: You have heard the solemn vow taken by him whom you have called as your Pastor. I now ask you:

WILL you receive him, and show him the love, honor and obedience in the Lord due to a shepherd and guide placed over you by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of souls? Will you honor and esteem him; as St. Paul exhorteth: Know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and esteem them very highly for their works' sake? Then answer: Yes, by the help of God.

¶ *Then shall the Congregation answer:*

Yes, by the help of God.

¶ *Then shall the officiating Minister say:*

UPON these your solemn promises I do now declare the Reverend *N. N.* the duly constituted Pastor of [*Here he shall name the Congregation or Congregations*].

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Son of God, Who sittest at the Right Hand of the Father, and Who givest gifts unto Thy people: We thank Thee that Thou hast given unto this congregation a pastor and teacher, and

we pray Thee to enrich him with all needed grace, that faithfully fulfilling his ministry, his labors may be abundantly blessed to the saving of souls and the edifying of Thy people, and that he, with them, may receive the crown of righteousness from Thee, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

O LORD God, the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful: Visit this congregation, we pray Thee, with Thy love and favor; open their hearts to receive Thy Word; enlighten their minds continually with the light of the everlasting Gospel; increase in them true godliness; and, of Thy great mercy, unite them in the bonds of love and peace, that the good work which hath been begun may be performed unto the day of Christ Jesus; Who, with the Father and Thee, liveth and reigneth, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall all say:*

OUR Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the officiating Minister say:*

THE Lord bless you that ye may bring forth much fruit, and that your fruit may remain. Amen.

¶ *Then shall a* Hymn *be sung, after which the Pastor, now installed, shall conclude the Service as appointed in the rubrics preceding this Order.*

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ORDER FOR LAYING THE CORNER-STONE OF A CHURCH

¶ *The Service shall begin with a Hymn.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be said or sung:*

OUR help is in the Name of the LORD;
℟. Who made heaven and earth.

How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!
℟. My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD.

His foundation is in the holy mountains.
℟. The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.
℟. Our feet shall stand within Thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it.
℟. Except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
℟. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Hear the Holy Scripture.

THUS saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious

corner-stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. *Isa.* 28 : 16.

And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the ordinance of David, king of Israel. And they sang together by course, in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endureth forever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. *Ezra* 3 : 10, 11.

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth into an holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. *Eph.* 2 : 19–22.

¶ *Then shall all say the* Apostles' Creed.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

¶ *Then may follow an* Address, *after which a* Hymn *may be sung.*

¶ *Here mention may be made of the articles to be placed in the Corner-stone.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O LORD God, Heavenly Father, Whom the heavens cannot contain, but Whose will it is to have a house upon earth wherein prayer and praise to Thy Name may continually be made: Look graciously toward this place; and as Thou didst move Thine ancient people to build for Thee an house of worship, do Thou fulfill also the desire of our hearts, and bless and prosper what we have undertaken in Thy Name. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, Thou Son of the Living God, Who art the elect and precious Corner-stone and the immutable Foundation of Thy Church: We pray Thee, let the stone which we here lay in Thy Name be a firm foundation; and as Thou art Thyself the Beginning and the Ending, be also the beginning, continuance, and completion of what we here commence for Thine honor and glory. *Amen.*

O LORD God, Holy Ghost, Who makest the assembly of Thy saints Thy dwelling-place: Bless and prosper the building of this edifice, and grant that in like manner we also, as living stones, may be built up into a spiritual house and an abiding temple of Thy Glory; Who with the Father and the Son livest and reignest, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *The Corner-stone having been placed, the Minister shall strike it with a trowel or hammer at the mention of each Name in the Holy Trinity, saying:*

IN the faith of Jesus Christ, I do now lay this Corner-Stone: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; that here true faith, the fear of God and brotherly love may abide; and that this place may be set apart to the preaching of the Gospel, the administration of the Holy Sacraments, and the invocation and praise of the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever One God, world without end.

¶ *Then shall the Congregation sing or say:*

Amen. Amen. Amen.

¶ *Then shall all say:*

OUR Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

¶ *A* Hymn *may then be sung.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

The Lord be with you.

℟. And with thy spirit.

Bless we the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

THE Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

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ORDER FOR THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

¶ *The Ministers and the Congregation, having convened in a suitable place, shall go in procession to the door of the church, bearing the* Holy Bible *and the* Sacramental Vessels.

¶ *The* Hymn: Open now thy gates of beauty (*No. 420*), *or another suitable Hymn, may be sung in procession.*

¶ *When the procession to the church is omitted, because of inclement weather or other reasons, the Ministers, Church Council and Choir, shall gather in the chapel, or at the entrance of the church; and the Service shall be as here ordered with the omission of* Psalm 24.

¶ *Having come to the door of the church, the Minister shall say:*

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord:
℟. Who made heaven and earth.

¶ *Then shall be sung or said:*

PSALM 24. *Domini est terra.*

THE earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein.

For He hath founded it upon the seas: and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD: or who shall stand in His holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart: who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the LORD: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek Him: that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up,

ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory: The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift them up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory: The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Keys of the Building be given to the Minister.*

¶ *As he entereth the door, he shall say:*

Peace be to this House:

℟. And to all that enter therein.

¶ *Then, moving slowly into the church, shall be sung or said the following:*

PSALM 122. *Lætatus sum.*

I WAS glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the LORD.

Our feet shall stand within thy gates: O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded: as a city that is compact together;

Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD: unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the LORD.

For there are set thrones of judgment: the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls: and prosperity within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes: I will now say, Peace be within thee.

Because of the house of the LORD our God: I will seek thy good.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Entering the Chancel, the Ministers shall place the Holy Bible and the Sacramental Vessels, and the officiating Minister, proceeding to the Altar, shall say:*

I WILL go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy. O send out Thy Light and Thy truth: let them lead me: let them bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy tabernacles, that I may go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy, and praise Thee, O God, my God.

¶ *The* Hymn, Veni Creator Spiritus *(No. 142), shall then be sung.*

¶ *The* Lessons *shall then be read.*

1 Kings 8 : 12–30; Hebrews 10 : 19–25; Eph. 2 : 13–22; 1 Cor. 3 : 9–17, *or other suitable* Lessons of Holy Scripture, *may be used.*

¶ *Then the Minister, standing at the Altar, shall say:*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ever nigh unto all them that call upon Thee in truth: Sanctify and bless this House, we beseech Thee, with Thine especial presence, according to Thy promise made through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, that they who gather here in Thy Name may be enlightened, comforted and strengthened by Thy manifold gifts of grace, and made meet for the inheritance of Thy saints in light.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou great High Priest, Who

hast entered into the sanctuary on high to appear evermore before God for us: Separate unto Thyself here a true spiritual priesthood of faithful and believing people, to offer unto Thee within these courts their sacrifices of prayer, praise and thanksgiving.

O Holy Spirit, Who makest the minds of the faithful to be of one will: Dwell, we beseech Thee, in those who shall worship here, making them Thine own temples, and uniting their hearts in faith and love, and in zeal for the progress of the Gospel among all men.

O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, of Whom and through Whom and to Whom are all things: Have respect unto the prayers of Thy servants, which they pray unto Thee this day, that Thine eyes may be open night and day toward this House, built for Thy Name; and grant that Thy Word may ever be preached here in its purity and fulness, to the joy and edifying of Thy believing people, and to the deliverance of burdened souls from sin.

Grant that they who shall be baptized at this Font may abide in their baptismal covenant, walk in newness of life, continue steadfast in the fellowship of Thy Church, and ever love the habitation of Thy House and the place where Thine honor dwelleth.

Grant that they who shall partake at this Altar of the Holy Sacrament of the Body and Blood given for their redemption, may receive into penitent and believing hearts the promise of forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

And so prepare Thy servants who worship here, that when their earthly pilgrimage is ended, they may be received into the House not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, there to behold Thy glory, O Everlasting God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and to adore and praise Thee, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

I DO now set apart this..... Evangelical Lutheran Church as a House of God;

and dedicate it to the glory and honor of Almighty God, and to the service of His holy Church: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

¶ *The Congregation shall sing or say:*

Amen. Amen. Amen.

¶ The Service, *beginning with the* Introit for the Day, *shall then follow. The* Nicene Creed *shall be used.*

¶ The Holy Communion *may be celebrated, in which case the* Order for Confession *shall be held on a preceding day.*

¶ *Announcement of Gifts, Memorials, and other matters concerning the Building, shall follow the* General Prayer.

¶ *The following* Prayer *may be used in place of the Prayer* (*p. 86*), *or at Vespers of the Day of Dedication.*

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Whom the Heaven of heavens cannot contain, yet Who art willing to have an House fashioned by man, wherein Thine honor dwelleth and where men may worship Thee: Of Thy love and mercy, we beseech Thee, vouchsafe Thy presence here that this Church which we have reared to the glory of Thy Name, and do now wholly devote and dedicate to Thee, may by Thee be accepted and hallowed, to the end that souls may here be gathered, nourished in Thy love, and made fruitful in Thy service; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who hast called men to the service of Thy Sanctuary: Vouchsafe to all who here minister before Thee the direction, aid and counsel of Thy Holy Spirit, that they may serve Thee with pure hearts and holy lives; preach Thy Word according to Thy loving purpose in Christ Jesus; humbly and devoutly administer Thy Sacraments; and be found acceptable to Thee as good and faithful stew-

ards of Thy grace; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

MOST Merciful Father, Who hast revealed Thy love in Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, and through Thy Holy Word dost announce the precious message of salvation in Him: Vouchsafe Thy love to all who hear Thy Word read and preached in this place, that, called to Thy service, they may hold fast the Truth, and faithfully bear unto the end the yoke of Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, Heavenly Father, Who through the washing of regeneration by water and the Word, hast ordained a sacramental means of entrance into Thy Kingdom: Vouchsafe to all who shall be consecrated to Thee at this Font by Holy Baptism ever to remain true to this blessed covenant, and finally to attain everlasting Life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

MOST Merciful Father, Who in Thy dear Son, hast given us the Way, the Truth and the Life, and through Him dost call all men to give Thee heart and soul and strength and life: Vouchsafe to all, who, here before this Altar, confess the Lord Jesus before men the blessing of Thy Holy Spirit, that in Thy Church they may be living stones, elect and precious; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, Everlasting Father, Who dost refresh us as we have need, and dost strengthen our faith with heavenly food, so that we go from strength to strength: Vouchsafe to all who receive at this Altar the Holy Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Thy dear Son, to approach this holy Mystery with pure hearts, believing desire, and devout thanksgiving, that, comforted with Thy eternal love and goodness, they may be

nourished and strengthened in faith, live in love and to the praise of Thy Holy Name, and finally attain to Thy presence in eternity; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, Who dost call all men to Thee, and Who dost graciously receive all them that come: Vouchsafe Thy pardon to all those who here confess their sins; bestow the comfort of Thy Spirit on those who humbly and faithfully bring Thee their needs and sorrows; accept the praise and worship that are offered here; and grant that many may find Thee in this place, and finding Thee, be filled in soul and body with all things needful; and finally, with all Thine own, be united in that communion with Thee which is eternal in the heavens, where Thou livest and reignest, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

ORDER FOR THE OPENING OF SYNODS

¶ *Conventions of Synods of the Church, and of other Bodies representing Synods, shall be opened with* The Service, *including a* Sermon *and the* Holy Communion.

¶ *The first Business Session shall open with a* Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost, *after which the President shall offer* Prayer, *as here followeth; if the first Business Session be held immediately after* The Service, *this Order shall begin with the words:* I do now declare, etc.

¶ *The President shall say:*

AS there are many members in one body:

℟. So we, being many, are one body in Christ.

Let us follow after the things which make for peace:

℟. And things wherewith one may edify another.

Where two or three are gathered together in My Name:
℟. There am I in the midst of them.

Behold, I have set before thee an open door:
℟. And no man can shut it.

I beseech you to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness:
℟. Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
℟. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

¶ *Then shall be said one or more of the following* Collects, *or any other suitable Prayer.*

O GOD, Who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of Whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named: Grant, we beseech Thee, unto Thy Church here assembled, the presence of the Holy Spirit, that in our deliberations we may be guided into all truth, preserved from strife and vainglory, and, one in Thee, may constantly abide in that Christian unity which is well pleasing in Thy sight; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, Who, in Thy Holy Word, hast given us a rule of faith and life: Grant us by the teaching of the same to have courage and wisdom to devise, and grace and strength to act, to the end that Thy ministers and congregations may be established and comforted, Thy Gospel everywhere purely preached, Thy kingdom among men extended, and Thy people, knowing the riches of their heavenly calling, may be one in the faith and confession of Thy saving truth, and in communion with one another; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, Heavenly Father, Who hast promised by Thy Son, Jesus Christ, to be with Thy Church unto the end of the world, and that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it: Graciously make Thy strength perfect in our weakness, and according to Thy promise, be present with us, Thine unworthy servants, and grant us Thy merciful help; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

DIRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name; and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the President say:*

I DO now declare this Convention of the . . . . . open: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

AND now may the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath called us with an holy calling, and hath

committed to our trust the glorious Gospel of the grace of God, make you to increase and abound in love toward one another, and toward all men, that you may be stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

¶ *Then shall all say:*

Amen.

¶ *The following Prayer may be used in churches on the Sunday, or during the week, before the meeting of a Synod, General Body, or Conference, or during its sessions.*

O LORD, the only Source of all true Wisdom: We invoke Thy blessing upon the..... about to assemble (*now assembled*) in Thy Name, to deliberate upon those things which make for the maintenance, the well-being and the extension of Thy Holy Church among us and throughout all the world; and as Thou hast promised to send Thy Holy Spirit to lead Thy people into all truth, so rule the hearts and guide the counsels of the representatives of the Church, that, protected from the errors of human frailty, they may seek only Thy glory and the welfare of those whom Thou hast redeemed by the death of Thy Son; Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

ORDER FOR THE CLOSING OF SYNODS

¶ *A* Hymn of Praise *or* Thanksgiving *may be sung, and the* Litany *or the* Bidding Prayer *may be used.*

¶ *The President shall offer* Prayer *as here followeth; but if the Convention closes with a Service, this Order shall begin with the words:* Now unto Him, etc.

¶ *The President shall say:*

O LORD, save Thy people:
℟. And bless Thine inheritance.

My word shall accomplish that which I please:
℟. And it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Ye shall be witnesses unto Me:
℟. Unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

I have chosen you, and ordained you:
℟. That ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain.

And lo, I am with you alway:
℟. Even unto the end of the world.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
℟. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

¶ *Then shall be said one or more of the following Collects, or any other suitable prayer.*

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who alone doest great wonders: Send down upon Thy Ministers and upon the Congregations committed to their charge,

the healthful Spirit of Thy grace; and, that they may truly please Thee, pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, unto Thy Church, Thy Holy Spirit, and the wisdom which cometh down from above, that Thy Word, as becometh it, may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve Thee, and in the confession of Thy Name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, Who restorest to the right way them that err, Who gatherest them that are scattered, and preservest them that are gathered: Of Thy tender mercy, we beseech Thee, pour upon Thy Christian people the grace of Unity, that, all schisms being healed, Thy flock, united to the true Shepherd of Thy Church, may worthily serve Thee; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, Who hast called us to Thy service, and laid upon us the care of Thy churches: Help us, by Thy Spirit, that in our several fields of labor we may have the courage consistently to declare and teach, and the wisdom and strength faithfully to perform, what we have here resolved in Thy fear and for Thy glory; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, Heavenly Father, Who, through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, hast given commandment unto Thy disciples to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature: Grant us a ready will to obey Thy Word; and as we have entered into the labors of other men, help us to serve Thee, that others may enter into our labors; and that we with them, and they

with us, may attain unto everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall all say:*

OUR Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the President say:*

NOW unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end.

I DO now declare this Convention closed: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

LET us stand fast in the love of Christ, that, when He cometh in His glory, we may rejoice before Him with exceeding joy.

¶ *Then shall all say:*

Amen.

¶ *Then shall the President say:*

THE Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

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ORDER FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A CHURCH COUNCIL

¶ *The* Order for the Installation of a Church Council *may be used at* The Service *or at* Vespers.

¶ *When used at* The Service, *it shall follow the* General Prayer (*the* Lord's Prayer *being omitted*) *and conclude with a* Hymn *and the* Benediction.

¶ *When used at* Vespers, *it shall follow the* Hymn *after the* Address, *and conclude with a* Hymn, *after which shall be said the* Collects, *the* Benedicamus *and the* Benediction.

¶ *The Minister shall announce the names of those who have been elected to office, and they shall then present themselves before the Altar.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

DEAR Brethren: Hear what the Word of God saith concerning the institution of the office to which you have been called:

THEN the Twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

HEAR the duties of the office to which you have been elected by this Congregation.

It will be your duty to see: That the services of God's House be held at the proper times, and conducted in accordance with the Order of the Church; that the pure Word of God be preached, as the Church confesses it, and only by those duly authorized according to the Constitution of this Congregation; that provision be made for the Christian instruction of the young; that strict discipline be maintained, the erring admonished and impenitent offenders excluded from the communion

of the Church; that the property of the Congregation be cared for, and all that relates to its worldly affairs properly administered.

It will furthermore be your duty: To assist the Pastor in the care of the sick and needy, in the cultivation of harmony among the members, in the promotion of the general welfare of the Congregation, and in the furtherance of Christ's Kingdom, at home and abroad.

Nor should you be unmindful that, while holiness of life and conversation is required of all who name the Name of Christ; it is especially incumbent upon those who have been called to be office-bearers in His Church to show themselves in all things, by word and example, a pattern of good works.

I ASK you, therefore: Do you accept the office to which you have been called, and do you promise to discharge its duties faithfully, in the fear of God, and in accordance with the Constitution of this Congregation, and the principles and usages of the Church?

¶ *Then shall the Officers-elect answer:*

Yes, by the help of God.

¶ *Then the Minister, taking the right hand of each one, shall say:*

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, Who hath called you to the service of His Church, enlighten and strengthen you in your office, that you may prove a good and faithful steward, to the glory of His holy Name. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Let us pray.

LORD God, Heavenly Father, Who according to Thy gracious will, hast established within Thy Church on earth, besides the Ministry of the Word,

other offices for the ministration of Thy manifold gifts of grace: We thank Thee that, in this place, Thou hast provided men of honest report, ready to serve this Congregation for Thy sake; and we humbly pray Thee to enrich them abundantly with Thy Holy Spirit, that they may have wisdom and strength for the service unto which Thou hast called them. Let Thy blessing rest also on this Congregation, not only in that which pertaineth to its temporal affairs, but, above all, in spiritual and heavenly gifts. Strengthen the faith, quicken the love and enkindle the zeal of its members, that Thy Name may be glorified, and that, both here and in all places, the Kingdom of Thy dear Son may be advanced; through Whom we pray:

¶ *Then shall all say:*

OUR Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

THEREFORE be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. Amen.

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ORDER FOR THE BLESSING OF A CHURCH-SITE AND GROUND-BREAKING

¶ *The* Order for the Blessing of a Church-site (Chapel; Church House) and Ground-breaking *is proper either for morning or afternoon.*

¶ *The Order may be administered by the President of Synod, the President of Conference, or the Pastor of the Parish.*

¶ *When the Place of Worship is conveniently located to the site where ground is to be broken for the new structure, the clergy and congregation, having gathered at the Place of Worship, may go to the site in procession. The choir and clergy, properly vested, shall precede the congregation. A processional hymn may be sung.*

¶ *A fitting place on the site shall be prepared for the administration of this Order. A temporary Altar may be erected at this place; the Altar should be properly dressed and furnished. A new spade shall be provided and kept at a convenient place near the Altar.*

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¶ *Come to the place prepared for this Office, the officiating Minister, standing before the Altar, shall say:*

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
℟. Amen.

O Lord, open Thou my lips:
℟. And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me:
℟. Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord:
℟. Who made heaven and earth.

Except the Lord build the house:
℟. They labor in vain that build it.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house:
℟. They will be still praising Thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
℟. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read responsively* Psalm 100 *or* Psalm 122. *The* Gloria Patri *shall be said after the Psalm.*

¶ *Then shall be read one of the following* Lessons: Exodus 3 : 1–6; 2 Samuel 24 : 18–25; Luke 6 : 47–49.

(¶ *Then may follow a brief* Address.)

¶ *Then shall the officiating Minister say:*

LORD, have mercy upon us.
℟. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
℟. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
℟. Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *Then shall all say:*

OUR Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the officiating Minister say:*

The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

ACCEPT, O Lord God Almighty, this Ground: Let Thy blessing descend upon it as the dew from heaven, that here may rise adoration, thanksgiving,

and the praise of Thy Holy Name; that here Thy Word may be declared and Thy Way revealed and taught; that here may be Thy House and the Place where Thine honor dwelleth; and, we beseech Thee, let Thy benediction ever abide upon this Place and all who gather here to worship and commune with Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

LET the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; that as, in Thy Name, we undertake the building of an House to Thy praise, we may be blessed of Thee in the beginning, prospered and protected by Thee in the continuance, and established and accepted in the completion; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The officiating Minister shall then take the spade and go to the place prepared for the ground-breaking and shall say the Invocation and Intercession here following. As he names each Person of the Holy Trinity in the Invocation, he shall turn over a spadeful of earth.*

IN the Faith of Jesus Christ this work is begun and this ground is broken, In the Name and to the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

That true faith may flourish here and the fear of God and love of the brethren; and that this may be a place destined for prayer and the invocation and adoration of the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, One God, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Assisting clergy, officials, and members of the congregation may then turn over three spadefuls of earth, each saying the while:* In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

¶ *Then may the officiating Minister say:*

O GOD from Whom every good thing taketh its beginning and through Whom it gathereth rich

growth, always advancing to better things: Grant to us suppliants, we beseech Thee, that this which we undertake to the praise of Thy Name, we may, by the help of Thy Fatherly wisdom, carry through to completion; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the officiating Minister say:*

BLESS we the Lord.
℟. Thanks be to God.

¶ *Then shall the officiating Minister say:*

THE Blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with you all.
℟. Amen.

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ORDER FOR THE REDEDICATION OF A CHURCH

¶ *The* Order for the Rededication of a Church *shall precede* The Service. *It may be administered by the President of Synod or the Pastor of the Church.*

¶ *The Church shall be prepared as for Divine Worship, all furnishings being in their proper places. A formal procession on the part of Ministers and Congregation shall be omitted. Where customary, the Choir enters in procession, the Ministers following and going directly to the Altar.*

¶ *A selection of the Lessons* (Common Service Book, *page 470*) *may be read before the Liturgical Epistle and Gospel for the Day.*

¶ *The Processional Hymn shall be,* God Himself is present (*No. 424*).

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¶ *The Hymn ended, the officiating Minister standing before the Altar shall say:*

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
℟. Amen.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

℟. Who made heaven and earth.

I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

℟. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

The Lord preserve our going in and coming out:

℟. From this time forth, even for evermore.

Peace be to this house.

℟. And to all that enter therein.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord; or who shall stand in His holy place?

℟. He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart, who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

℟. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

℟. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be sung the Hymn* Veni Creator Spiritus (*No. 142*), *all standing.*

¶ *Then shall the officiating Minister say:*

Let us pray.

LOOK graciously, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, on this Thy holy place which we have adorned

anew to the glory of Thy holy Name; and be pleased to bless and accept it of our hands.

BLEST and dedicate be this House, its Altar, and all its new adornment, to the Glory and Honor of Almighty God and to the service of His holy Church: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house: and the place where Thine honor dwelleth.

¶ *If the refurnishing of the Church includes memorial gifts, then may the Minister say:*

HALLOWED also be these memorials: loving gifts to God's honor, to the beautifying of His Sanctuary, and to the cherished memory of His children.

The memory of the just is blessed.

¶ *Then shall the officiating Minister say:*

THE Blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, descend and rest upon this Holy Place and abide with us all now and evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall follow the* Introit for the Day *and the remainder of* The Service *as appointed.*

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ORDER FOR THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH HOUSE

¶ *The* Order for the Dedication of a Church House *is proper for either morning or afternoon. If used at the time of Morning Worship it will displace* The Service *customarily held in the Church at that time.*

¶ *The Order may be administered by the President of Synod, the President of Conference, or the Pastor of the church.*

¶ *The Ministers, Congregation, and Church School may gather in the accustomed Place of Worship and go from there in procession to the Church House.*

¶ *When this is done, the following Collect shall first be said before leaving the church.*

¶ *The officiating Minister, standing before the Altar, shall say:*

The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

LET Thy merciful goodness be upon us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, and do Thou direct us in Thy Way, that this which we begin in Thy Name may be completed to Thy glory and to the blessing of this Thy people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Hymn,* Beautiful Saviour (129) *or* Angel Voices ever singing (240) *be sung, during which the Ministers, Congregation, and Church School may go in procession to, and enter the Church House.*

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¶ *The Hymn ended, the officiating Minister shall say:*

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
℟. Amen.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord:
℟. Who made heaven and earth.

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

℟. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Peace be within thy walls.

℟. For my brethren and companions' sakes I will now say, Peace be within thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

℟. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read responsively:*

Psalm 119 : 1–6, or, Psalm 34.

¶ *At the end of the Psalm shall be sung or said the* Gloria Patri.

¶ *Then shall be read a selection from the following Lessons:*

Exodus 20 : 1–17; Deuteronomy 6 : 4–9; Isaiah 55 : 1–3, 6–13; Matthew 13 : 1–9; Luke 2 : 40–52; John 21 : 15–17; 2 Timothy 2 : 1–15; 1 John 1 : 1–10.

¶ *After each Lesson shall be sung or said the Response.*

O LORD, have mercy upon us.
℟. Thanks be to God.

¶ *Then shall be sung a Hymn.*

¶ *Then all standing, the officiating Minister shall say:*

Let us pray.

LOOK graciously, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, on this House which we have reared to Thy glory and for the use of this Congregation; and be pleased to bless and accept it of our hands. Amen.

BLEST and dedicate be this Church House, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

HERE may Thy children meet in glad devotion to Thee; here may Thy Way be taught and Thy Kingdom established; here may Thy Name be hallowed and Thy glory praised; and here may life in its fullness be nourished and guided, and the social bonds of fellowship in the Lord Jesus built up in mutual love and service. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of Whom the whole family in heaven and in earth is named: Let Thy blessing descend and rest upon this House which we humbly dedicate to the service of Thy Kingdom and to the furtherance of Thy Way among us in the educational, social, and practical needs of our parish life; and, as by Thy blessed Apostle we are exhorted to abound more and more, grant us such measure of Thy grace, Thy constant direction, and Thy merciful commendation that the work done here may bear rich fruitage in the upbringing of our children, in the education of our youth, and in the enrichment and strengthening of our manhood and womanhood, so that this Thy family may glorify Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be sung a Hymn.*
¶ *An address may then follow.*
¶ *Then may the Offering be received.*
¶ *Then may be sung a Hymn.*
¶ *Then shall the officiating Minister say:*

Let us pray.

¶ *Then all standing, shall be said the Lord's Prayer.*

OUR Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not

into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the officiating Minister say:*

THE Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

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ORDER FOR THE BLESSING OF A CEMETERY

¶ *The* Order for the Blessing of a Cemetery *is proper for either morning or afternoon.*

¶ *If the weather be inclement the entire Order may be used in the church. The Order may be administered by the President of Synod, or by the Pastor of the Parish.*

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¶ *A* Hymn *shall be sung.*

[Our God, our Help in ages past (No. 505).]

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

℟. Amen.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord:

℟. Who made heaven and earth.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

℟. Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

℟. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be said:*

Psalm 23

THE Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For Thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

¶ *At the end of the Psalm the congregation shall sing the* Gloria Patri.

¶ *Then shall be sung a Hymn.*

[O Love, that wilt not let me go (348)
Jesus, Lover of my soul (371).]

¶ *The* Scripture Lessons *shall then be read.*

I Lesson:—Genesis 23:1–20
II Lesson:—1 Thessalonians 4:13–18
The Gospel:—John 14:1–6, or, John 19:38–42

¶ *After each Lesson shall be sung or said the* Response:

O LORD, have mercy upon us.
℟. Thanks be to God.

¶ *Then shall be sung a Hymn.*

[Ten thousand times ten thousand (519).]

¶ *The officiating Minister, shall say:*

I HEARD a Voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from

henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors.

℟. Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am the Resurrection and the Life: He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

℟. Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

For as the Father hath life in Himself: so hath He given to the Son to have life in Himself.

℟. Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Where I am, there ye shall be also.

℟. Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
℟. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
℟. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
℟. Lord, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, hear us.
℟. O Christ, hear us.

O God, the Father in heaven:
℟. Have mercy upon us.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world:
℟. Have mercy upon us.
O God, the Holy Ghost, the Comforter:
℟. Have mercy upon us.

Be gracious unto us.
℟. Spare us, good Lord.
Be gracious unto us.
℟. Help us, good Lord.

From all sin;
From all error;
From all evil:
℟. Good Lord, deliver us.

From the crafts and assaults of the devil;
From sudden and evil death;
From pestilence and famine;
From war and bloodshed;
From sedition and rebellion;
From lightning and tempest;
From all calamity by fire and water;
And from everlasting death:
℟. Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of Thy Holy Incarnation;
By Thy holy Nativity;
By Thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation;
By Thine Agony and Bloody Sweat;
By Thy Cross and Passion;
By Thy precious Death and Burial;
By Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension;
And by the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter:
℟. Help us, good Lord.

In all time of our tribulation;
In all time of our prosperity;
In the hour of death;
And in the day of judgment:
℟. Help us, good Lord.

We poor sinners do beseech Thee;
℟. To hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee to comfort all who mourn;
To give them beauty for ashes, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;

To raise our hearts to those things which are above where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God;

To grant us to finish our course in Thy faith and fear;

To grant us that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall separate us from Thy love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord;

To grant us to fall asleep in Thee;

And to bless and hallow this last earthly resting place of Thy children:

℟. We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
℟. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
℟. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
℟. Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the officiating Minister say:*

Let us pray.

O GOD, Creator of the world, Ruler of all creatures visible and invisible, Redeemer of mankind: We humbly beseech Thee to bless and hallow this ground wherein the bodies of Thy servants and handmaidens are to rest after the brief course of this life, and grant that from this rest they may rise to the Life that knows no ending; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD God, the Light of the faithful, the Strength of those who labor and the Repose of the blessed dead: We bless Thee for all Thy saints who have witnessed in their lives a good confession, and especially for those dear unto us who have fallen asleep in Jesus; grant us grace, O God, so to follow their good example that we may be one with them in spirit, and finally with them share in the eternal rest and peace which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus, our Rest and our Life: Glory be to Thee Who hast borne our sins with Thee into Thy grave, burying them therein, and Who, through Thy new Sabbath in the sepulchre, hast won eternal rest for us: We humbly beseech Thee, dear Lord, to grant us grace to see in Thy tomb the prison of our sins and to have no fear of our grave, but in the faithful confession of Thy Name, joyfully and confidently to fall asleep in our rest chamber: Thou, Who hallowest and blessest all our graves, praise be unto Thee eternally. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus, Heart of Love and Compassion, Who art ever pitiful and kind; Who didst comfort the widow, saying unto her, Weep not; and Who, by Thy Apostle, dost bid us not to sorrow for those who sleep in Thee: Be present, we humbly beseech Thee, with all who mourn here; comfort them as Thou didst solace the sisters of Lazarus, Thy friend; wipe away all tears from their eyes; and grant them evermore sure trust and confidence in Thee. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who by Thy death didst take away the sting of death: Grant unto us Thy servants so to follow in faith where Thou hast led the way, that we may at length fall peacefully asleep in Thee, and awake after thy likeness; through Thy

mercy, O our God, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the officiating Minister say:*

BLESSING and honor, and thanksgiving and glory be unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, through Christ our Lord, Who is the everlasting and unwaning Light, the Effulgence of Thy Glory; Who commanded His followers so to walk that they may escape the darkness of everlasting night and come to the land of Light and Joy eternal; Who in the Manhood which He took upon Him wept over Lazarus, His friend, and by the power of His Godhead restored him to life; and Who brought salvation unto mankind crushed under the weight of sin; through Him we humbly pray that we, and all who sleep in Jesus, may come to Thee, Who art the Everlasting Life, and may joyfully praise Thee with all the Company of Heaven for evermore. Amen.

BLEST, hallowed, and dedicate be this Ground forever as (the) God's Acre (of..... Church), In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

¶ *Then may be sung a Hymn, and a brief address may follow; after which shall be said the* Benedicamus *and the* Benediction, The Blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen. *Then shall be sung the Hymn,* For all the saints (*No. 250*).

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ORDER FOR THE CONSECRATION OF A DEACONESS

¶ *The Service of Consecration may be appointed for a parish church or for the chapel of a Motherhouse.*

¶ *The* Order for the Consecration of a Deaconess *shall be* The Service *with the following* Introit, Collect, Epistle, Gradual *and* Gospel. *It shall begin with the* Invocation: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. *Then shall follow immediately the* Introit.

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INTROIT

MERCY and truth are met together: Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring out of the earth: Righteousness shall go before him.

Ps. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will be still praising thee.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, Whose we are and Whom we serve: Grant that our love may abound more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; that we may approve things that are excellent; that we may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ unto Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, be all glory and praise evermore. *Amen.*

EPISTLE. Philippians 2 : 1–13 (Or, Galatians 6 : 2–10)

IF there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, fulfil ye my joy, that ye be like-

minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

GRADUAL

I WILL bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

V. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof and be glad.

Alleluia. Alleluia. *V.* Sing unto God our Strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob. Alleluia.

GOSPEL. Matthew 6 : 19–21 (Or, John 15 : 1–15)

THE Lord Jesus said:—Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where

neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

¶ *The following prayer shall be used at the proper place in* The Service *instead of the* General Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, we, Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men.

We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall follow the* Hymn: Veni Creator Spiritus (*No. 142*) *or the* Hymn: Nunc Sancte nobis Spiritus (*No. 148*). *The Congregation shall stand.*

¶ *The Hymn ended, the congregation shall be seated.*

¶ *Then shall the Head Sister certify the officiating Minister as follows:*

THE following candidates have been approved by the .....Motherhouse as those to whom the Ministry of Mercy may be committed. By direction of the Motherhouse, therefore, I present these sisters for consecration to the Diaconate.

¶ *The Head Sister then shall read the names of the candidates, who shall rise as their names are called and present themselves before the Altar.*

¶ *The Minister shall say:*

The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

O GOD, Who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

DEARLY Beloved: The Apostle Paul wrote to the Church at Rome: I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea: that ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succorer of many, and of myself also.

You have been commended to us by the Motherhouse as worthy to be set apart for and to associate in this sacred Ministry of Mercy. Hear therefore this Holy Word:—

GRACE be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; that in everything ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: so that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

I NOW ask each one of you in the presence of Almighty God and this congregation:

ARE you ready to take upon you this ministry? Will you adorn your office by a holy life and conversation, and willingly obey all rightful authority?

Is it your sincere and holy purpose, as a servant of God, to perform the work of a deaconess?

¶ *Then shall each candidate answer in turn:*

Yes, with my whole heart, the Lord helping me with His grace. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the candidates kneel.*

¶ *The Minister shall then lay his hands on the head of each and shall say:*

THE office of Deaconess is now committed unto you, and by the laying on of hands you are set apart for this service, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

¶ *Each one consecrated shall respond:*

Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

GOD Almighty bless, preserve, and sanctify you: and so endow you with all faith, love, wisdom, and humility, that you may serve before Him to the glory of His Name and the good of His Church. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall all say:*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Let us pray.

O ETERNAL God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Creator of man and woman, Who didst anoint

with the Spirit Miriam and Deborah and Hannah and Huldah, Who didst not disdain that Thine Only-begotten Son should be born of a woman, Who, also, in the tabernacle of the testimony and in the temple didst ordain women to be keepers of Thy holy gates: Look mercifully, we beseech Thee, upon these Thy servants who have been set apart to the office and work of deaconess; protect them in the way wherein they go, and grant that in singleness of purpose and with a willing mind they may worthily accomplish the service committed to them to Thy glory and to the praise of Thy Christ, to Whom with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, be glory and praise evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *The following Prayer may also be said:*

O GOD the Holy Ghost, Giver of light and life: Leave not these Thy servants, we beseech Thee, destitute of Thy manifold gifts nor yet of grace always to use them according to Thy will; comfort them in all their temptations and afflictions; defend them from all error, and lead them into all truth, that, being steadfast in the faith they may ever increase in love and in all good works and be partakers of that peace which passeth all understanding; and unto Thee, with the Father and the Son, God blessed for evermore, be all honor and praise. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall they rise, and the Minister shall say:*

THE God of Peace make you perfect in every good work, to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then may the Minister give a cross to each of the deaconesses consecrated, saying:*

RECEIVE and wear this Cross, a symbol of your office of Deaconess. Be not ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified and ever bear in your heart

the remembrance of His love Who died on the Cross for you.

¶ *The newly consecrated deaconesses shall then return to their pews.*
¶ *Then shall follow a* Hymn *and the* Holy Communion, *beginning with the* Preface.

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ORDER FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A PARISH DEACONESS

¶ *The* Order for the Installation of a Parish Deaconess *may be used at* The Service *or at* Vespers.

¶ *When the Order is used at* The Service, *it shall follow the* General Prayer (*the* Lord's Prayer *being omitted*) *and conclude with a* Hymn *and the* Benediction.

¶ *When used at* Vespers, *it shall follow the* Hymn (236) *after the* Address *and conclude with a* Hymn, *the* Benedicamus *and the* Benediction.

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¶ *A Hymn shall be sung.*

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old (236).

¶ *The Hymn ended, the Deaconess to be installed shall present herself before the Altar.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

DEARLY Beloved: The Apostles, guided by the Holy Spirit, established the Diaconate, ordaining "the Seven" thereto by prayer and the laying on of hands.

St. Paul in his Epistle to the Romans speaks of one Phebe as a "servant" or "deaconess" of the Church at Cenchrea.

To these, the deacons and deaconesses, was assigned the Ministry of Mercy to the poor, the sick

and needy of every kind. As such it was and, when exercised in faith and love, must ever remain, a service not only to those whom it is designed to benefit, but a service above all of Him who says: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

To this Ministry of Love and Mercy in this Congregation the Sister here present has been called and is now to be inducted into her office.

¶ *Then addressing the Deaconess, the Minister shall say:*

SISTER N.—, I ask you in the presence of God and of this Congregation:

ARE you ready to take upon you the duties of a Parish Deaconess among us, and is it your sincere purpose, as a servant of the Lord, and in humble reliance on His grace, to perform these duties faithfully?

¶ *The Deaconess shall answer:*

Yes, by the help of God.

¶ *Then shall the Congregation rise, and the Minister shall say:*

DEARLY Beloved: You have heard the promise of Sister N.—. Will you now receive her in the Lord as the servant of this Congregation and assist her in whatsoever matter she may have need of you? If so, answer: Yes, by the help of God.

¶ *Then shall the Congregation answer:*

Yes, by the help of God.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

UPON these solemn promises I do now declare Sister .....the duly constituted Parish Deaconess of.....

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

WE humbly beseech Thee, O Lord, Almighty Father, graciously to pour the gift of Thy benediction upon this Thine handmaid, whom Thou hast been pleased to call to an holy office in this congregation; bestow upon her such grace that under Thy guidance she may fulfil her holy calling to Thy glory and the blessing of all to whom she ministers; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech Thee, to Thine handmaid the grace of perseverance in her ministry; bestow on her the gifts of wisdom and sound judgment, of simplicity and singleness of heart, of sympathy with those amongst whom she works, of charity and gentleness toward all with whom she has to do. Be Thou her guide in all doubt, her support in weariness, and her comfort in sorrow, that Thou mayest be also unto her an exceeding great reward in the day of the revelation of Thine Only-begotten Son, even Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

DIRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name; and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall all say:*

OUR Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be

done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Sister return to her pew and the Service shall be concluded as appointed in the rubrics preceding this Order.*

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ORDER FOR THE COMMISSIONING OF A FOREIGN MISSIONARY

¶ *The* Order for the Commissioning of a Foreign Missionary *shall be* The Service *with the following* Introit, Collect, Epistle, *and* Gospel. *It shall begin with the* Invocation: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. *Then shall follow immediately the* Introit.

¶ *The Order shall be administered by the President of the Board of Foreign Missions so long as that office is held by a Minister, or he may appoint another Minister to act in his stead. Should the President of the Board be a layman he shall appoint a Minister to administer the Office.*

¶ *Other Ministers may be designated by the officiating Minister to assist at The Service; but the officiating Minister only shall administer the Commissioning Office proper.*

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INTROIT

HOW beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace: and bring glad tidings of good things.

Their sound went into all the earth: and their words unto the ends of the world.

Ps. The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear: The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECT

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who ascending to Thy throne of glory didst commission Thy disciples to carry the message of Thy love to every people: As Thou hast promised to be with Thine own unto the end, vouchsafe Thy strengthening presence to all those who have gone forth and are going forth in Thy Name to strange lands and peoples; enable them by Thy Spirit to preach, teach, and live Thee in all Thy love and tenderness, granting them in the ingathering of souls that inspiration of joy that shall make them strong to presevere, and to carry their cross in carrying Thine; Who livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 1 : 18–31

THE preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: but we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness: but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because

the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: that no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: that, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 28 : 18–20

AND Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

¶ *The following prayers shall be used at the proper place in* The Service *instead of the* General Prayer.

¶ *After each of the Collects, except the last, the Congregation shall respond:* We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

O GOD, our Protector, behold, look upon the face of Thine Anointed, Who hath given Himself for the redemption of all, and grant that from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof, Thy Name may be great among the Gentiles, and that in every

place sacrifice and a pure offering may be made unto Thy Name; through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord.

℟. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

ALMIGHTY God, Heavenly Father, Who, through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, hast given commandment unto Thy people to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature: Grant us a ready will to obey Thy Word; and as we have entered into the labors of other men, help us to serve Thee, that others may enter into our labors; and that we with them, and they with us, may attain unto everlasting life; through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

℟. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

O LORD, make ready the Way in the dark lands, in the hearts which know Thee not; that those who, consecrated to the fulfilling of Thy last command, are carrying the message of Thy Cross to the souls of men, may, constantly aided and uplifted by Thee, labor to the enriching of Thy great harvest: Who livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end.

℟. Amen.

¶ *Then shall follow the Hymn,* Lord, speak to me, that I may speak (212).

¶ *The Hymn ended, the officiating Minister shall go to the Altar. Then shall the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions certify the officiating Minister as follows:*

THE Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America, in the name of the Church, has called our Brother, the Reverend *N.N.*, to labor in the Mission Field in .....(and our Brother.....*or*, and our Sister.....), and *this call has* been accepted. *He is* therefore now presented to be commissioned.

¶ *Then shall the Missionary present himself before the Altar.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

BELOVED: The Call of our Lord to go forth in His Name and to carry the Gospel to those who know Him not, has met with a ready response in your heart.

We desire to give public testimony to your consecration to this holy commission and to send you forth in His Name.

I therefore ask you:

ARE you ready to take upon you this ministry?

℟. I am.

Will you in all things and in all your ways strive to acquit yourself as an ambassador and servant of Jesus Christ?

℟. I will, the Lord helping me. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Missionary kneel.*

¶ *The Minister shall then lay his hands upon his head and shall say:*

IN the Name and Faith of Jesus Christ. Amen.
N.N. is sent forth as His ambassador and witness.

THE Father in Heaven guard and keep you in His love, enrich and strengthen you with the grace of His dear Son, comfort and uphold you with the presence of His Holy Spirit. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Congregation rise and all shall pray*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

ALMIGHTY God, Who makest all things in heaven and earth to serve Thy gracious will: We commit to Thy care and protection *this* Thy *servant* whom we send forth in Thy Name; fulfil the promise made through Thy Son to be with *him* at all times, whatever be the perils *he* may meet or the trials *he* may undergo; bless *him* with Thy continual favor; give *him*

many souls as the reward of *his* labor; and in every hour of conflict, uncertainty, and doubt strengthen and uphold *him*, and give *him* Thy peace; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Missionary rise, and the Minister shall bless him, saying:*

GOD, the Father, bless thee; God, the Son, defend thee; God, the Spirit, keep thee, now and evermore. Amen.

¶ *The Missionary shall then return to his pew.*

¶ *Then shall follow a* Hymn *and the* Holy Communion *beginning with the* Preface.

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ORDER FOR THANKSGIVING AND BENEDICTION OF WOMEN AFTER CHILDBIRTH

¶ *Due notice of the desire for the administration of the* Order for Thanksgiving and Benediction of Women after Childbirth *having been given to the Pastor, the Order may be administered at such time as the Pastor shall appoint.*

¶ *If administered at* The Service, *the Order shall follow the* General Prayer, *the* Lord's Prayer *being omitted.*

¶ *The Order shall not be administered before the baptism of the child.*

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¶ *The Mother carrying her child and accompanied by the Sponsors or other Friends, shall be met at the inner door of the church by the Pastor.*

¶ *The Pastor shall greet the Mother, saying:*

THE Lord preserve thy coming in and thy going out, from this time forth even for evermore. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst present Thine Only-Begotten Son together with His Mother in Thy Temple forty days after His birth: Bless this Thine handmaid whom we present before Thee in Thy church, and as she is now led by us into Thine earthly temple, so may she some day at the end of this life enter Thy heavenly sanctuary; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *The Pastor shall then lead the Mother and those accompanying her to the Altar. The Mother, holding her child, and the others shall kneel.*

¶ *Then shall the Pastor say:*

The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

WE give thanks unto Thee, Almighty and Merciful God, our Heavenly Father, for the aid Thou hast given Thine handmaid in bearing her cross, that Thou hast regarded her in mercy, comforting and rejoicing her heart, and hast granted to her child to be born again in Thy Baptism and hast enriched *him* with the gift of Thy Holy Spirit; and we humbly pray, through Jesus Christ Thy dear Son, let Thy continued mercy abide with Thy handmaid; protect her from all evil and misfortune; strengthen her with Thy Holy Spirit; preserve her in Thy Word; graciously cherish and keep her in Thy care, so that through her also Thy Christendom may be built up and Heaven welcome her child, a tree of righteousness planted by Thee. Preserve her going out and coming in, O Lord, in true faith unto everlasting life. *Amen.*

Or,

O LORD God Almighty, Who hast made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, giving to all

life and breath, and Who dost continue to all Thy blessing and ordinance which Thou didst establish in Eden: We thank Thee that Thou hast so graciously helped Thine handmaid and hast granted her this child, and that in Holy Baptism Thou hast made *him* Thine own and heir to Thy heavenly kingdom; and we humbly pray that Thou wilt keep *him* in union with Thee and Thy Church, and nurture *him* to Thine honor and glory; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall all say:*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

¶ *Then laying his hand upon her head, the Pastor shall say:*

N., the servant of God, is blessed, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

LIFT up your hearts and receive the Benediction

THE Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

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¶ *If the child has died before the Mother is blessed, one of the following Prayers is to be used instead of the Prayer,* We give thanks.

O ALMIGHTY and Merciful God, our Heavenly Father, Who hast supported and safe-guarded this mother through many trying days and in Whose providence she has been called to carry the heavy burden of sorrow and loss: Thou hast declared in Thy Word, that all things work together for good to them that love Thee; grant, therefore, of Thy great mercy, the rich fulfillment of this Thy promise to Thine handmaid; make sure her faith; restore her health and strength;

impart to her the comfort of Thy grace and the peace which the world cannot give; and help her, through Thy Holy Spirit, to do Thy good and gracious will in all her works and ways; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Or the Pastor may say, the Mother following in spirit or saying with the Pastor.*

I GIVE thanks unto Thee O Lord God, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast been so graciously present with me in all my needs, and even though the heavy burden of sorrow has come so soon upon me still Thou dost grant me the comforting assurance that all things work together for good to them that love Thee. O most Merciful Father, I humbly offer thee my love and trust and tenderly commit the soul of my little one into Thy keeping against the day when we shall be united in Thy presence; and I beseech Thee, take not the comfort of Thy Spirit from me but grant me grace ever to learn and to do thy will; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

ORDER FOR THE INDUCTION OF A PRESIDENT

¶ *The* Order for the Induction of a President *may be used for the induction of a President of Synod or of the United Lutheran Church.*

¶ *The Order may be administered immediately after the official announcement of his election or at a specially appointed Vespers.*

¶ *If the Order follows immediately upon the official announcement of the election it shall be administered as hereinafter appointed as a distinct Office.*

¶ *If the Order is administered at a specially appointed Vespers,* Psalm 24 : 1–5, *or* Psalm 121, *or* Psalm 122, *and the* Lesson, John 10 : 1–15, *or* Rom. 12 : 1–8, *shall be used. The Order shall follow the* Hymn *after the* Sermon, *and shall conclude with the* Benedicamus, *the* Benediction—The Blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.—*and a* Hymn.

¶ *The Order shall be administered as follows: When the* President of the United Lutheran Church *is to be inducted, the officiating Minister shall be the retiring President; but if the Incumbent has been elected to succeed himself he shall appoint a Chaplain to administer the Order.*

¶ *When the President of a Synod is to be inducted, the officiating Minister shall be the retiring President; but if the Incumbent has been elected to succeed himself he shall appoint a Chaplain to administer the Order.*

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¶ *The officiating Minister and the President-elect, together with the other clerical officials, who shall escort him, shall be vested. They shall enter the Chancel, the officiating Minister going immediately to the Altar, the President and other officials, after their devotions, retiring to stalls in the Chancel.*

¶ *The Convocation shall rise at their entrance and shall remain standing until after the Invocation.*

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¶ *The officiating Minister, standing before the Altar, shall say:*

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

℟. Amen.

DEAR BRETHREN: Our Brother, the Reverend ....., having been elected by our Body, the.....(*Name*)....., to the Presidency, is now to be presented and inducted into his sacred office. The Secretary will present the certification of his election.

¶ *The following certification of the election of the President, signed by the Secretary of the Body shall then be placed by him in the hands of the officiating Minister who shall read the same to the Convocation:*

This is to certify that the Reverend.....has been legally elected President of.....at its Convocation at.....on.....(date).....

(Signed).....

Secretary

¶ *The Secretary, accompanied by the other officials, shall then present the President-elect before the Altar, and the officiating Minister shall say:*

HEAR the Holy Word:

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.

This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine. Watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient.

Hold fast the form of sound words, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

¶ *The Convocation shall rise, and the Minister, addressing the President-elect shall say:*

DO you accept this call to service in the Kingdom of our Lord:

℟. I do.

Will you endeavor to administer your office to the glory of God, to the advancement of His Kingdom, in fidelity to the Constitution of this Body and in charity to your Brethren?

℟. Yes, the Lord helping me with the power and grace of His Holy Spirit.

¶ *Then addressing the Convocation, the officiating Minister shall say:*

BRETHREN: You have heard the obligation solemnly assumed by our Brother whom we have called to the Presidency of our..... (*Name*).....

We are exhorted by the blessed Apostle, To know them who labor among us, and who are over us in the Lord, and admonish us; and to esteem them very highly for their works' sake. Will you therefore receive him and show him the honor and obedience in the Lord due to a shepherd and guide placed over you by the Lord Jesus, the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of our souls?

¶ *Then shall the Convocation answer:*

Yes, by the help of God. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the President-elect kneel, and the officiating Minister, laying his hands upon his head, shall say:*

THE Office of President of the.....is committed to you, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Father of Mercy, Jesus Christ, the Great Head of the Church, and the Spirit of Grace and Truth: Direct you in all your ways; strengthen you by His grace; enrich you for your ministry; fill you with faith and love; and give you all joy in believing, that you may fulfill your office to His honor and praise. Amen.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who hast called this Thy servant to this high and holy office in Thy Church: Strengthen him, we beseech Thee, with the Holy Ghost, the Comforter; and daily increase in him Thy manifold gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and might; the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

DIRECT him, O Lord, in all his doings, with Thy most gracious favor, and further him with Thy continual help; that in all his works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, he may glorify Thy Holy Name, and administer his office to the good of Thy Church.

O SPIRIT, Holy and Gracious: Grant us unity of brotherhood in Thee; faith unswerving; love never failing; hope all enduring; fervor of sacrifice; zeal of service; consecration to the Divine Will; that by Thy grace, we may unitedly serve in the upbuilding and furtherance of the Kingdom of God and of Christ our Lord, in obedience to Whose command we humbly pray:

OUR Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not

into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the President rise and go to the Altar, and shall say:*

BLESS we the Lord.
℟. Thanks be to God.

THE Blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with you all.
℟. Amen.

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ORDER OF A SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION

¶ *The* Order of a Service in Commemoration of Those Who Have Entered into Life *is provided for parochial and synodical use.*

¶ *When used in a Parish, it is suggested that it be observed the* Sunday *after* All Saints' Day. *The Propers here provided will displace the Propers of the Day.*

¶ *When used during a Convocation of Synod, the time shall be appointed by the President.*

¶ *The Order shall be* The Service *with the following* Introit, Collect, Epistle, *and* Gospel, *and other* Special Appointment *as hereinafter ordered.*

¶ *The Order shall begin with the* Hymn, The Saints of God! their conflict past (247), *or another suitable Hymn.*
Then shall follow the Invocation: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.—*and immediately thereafter shall be sung or said the* Introit.

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INTROIT

I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. Alleluia.
I am the Resurrection and the Life: he that be-

lieveth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. Alleluia.

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending: which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Ps. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECT

O GOD, Eternal, Author and Giver of life, Who didst give us Thy Son Jesus that in Him we might have the Life that knows no ending: Of Thy mercy, we beseech Thee, finish our faith in the victory that overcometh the world, that, of Thy grace and not of our deserving, we may be with Thee for evermore, and with all the adoring Host praise Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost in the Home of life, love, light and peace eternal. Amen.

EPISTLE. 1 Thessalonians 4 : 13–18

I WOULD not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive, and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Or, Romans 8 : 31–39

GRADUAL

BEHOLD, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them: and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Verse. The Spirit and the bride say, Come, and let him that heareth say, Come: and let him that is athirst come.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

V. Even so, come, Lord Jesus: Alleluia.

GOSPEL. John 14 : 1–6

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

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¶ *The following* Commemoration *shall be used at the proper place in* The Service *instead of the* General Prayer. *It shall be administered as here followeth.*

¶ *The Minister shall go to the Altar and the Congregation shall rise.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister read the names of those members (of the Parish or of the Synod) who entered into Life during the year past.*

¶ *Then shall be sung the* Hymn, For all the saints who from their labors rest (250).

¶ *The Hymn ended, the Minister shall say:*

Let us pray.

¶ *All may kneel.*

ALMIGHTY God, with Whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with Whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity: We give Thee hearty thanks for Thy grace bestowed upon Thy servants who having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors, especially for those dear unto us whom we remember before Thee this day; and we beseech Thee that we, with all who have departed in the true faith of Thy Holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

℟. Amen.

O GOD, before Whose face the generations rise and pass away, the Strength of those who labor and suffer, and the Repose of the blessed dead: We rejoice in the communion of Thy saints; we remember all who have faithfully lived; all who have peacefully died; and especially those most dear to us who rest in Thee. Lift us into light and love; give us at last our portion with those who have trusted in Thee and striven in all things to do Thy holy will; and unto Thy Name, with the Church on earth and the Church in heaven, we ascribe all honor and glory, world without end.

℟. Amen.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting God, Who didst give Thine Only Son to be a High Priest of good things to come: Hereafter grant unto us, Thine unworthy servants, to have our share in the Company of the Blessed; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.

℟. Amen.

¶ *Then shall all pray:*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

¶ *Then, all standing, shall be sung the* Hymn, Ten thousand times ten thousand (519) *or,* There is no night in heaven (522).

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

THE Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

¶ *A Hymn may follow the Benediction.*

[Jesus, still lead on (260) *or,*
Jerusalem the golden (528)]

¶ *When the Order is administered at a Convocation of a Synod, the following Collect may be used instead of the first Collect,* Almighty God, with Whom do live the spirits, etc.

O GOD, Who didst call Thy servants, our Brethren, whom we remember before Thee this day, into Thy service, and Who hast called them to rest from their labors and to enter into Life: We praise Thy Holy Name that Thou didst grant them to be faithful unto the end and didst bless their ministry with fruitage in Thy Kingdom; and we pray that we, upon whom their labors have fallen, may by Thy grace be found meet to carry forward Thy work in the Faith of Thy dear Son. For this we humbly pray in His great Name. Amen.

OFFICE FOR THE BLESSING OF AN ALTAR

¶ *The* Office for the Blessing of an Altar *shall precede* The Service. *It shall begin with the* Hymn, Come Thou now, and be among us, (242), *which may be used as a processional.*

¶ *The Altar shall not be vested, or dressed with its customary furnishings. These may be placed on a side table against their use in the Office at the time of Vesting the Altar, or they may be carried to the Chancel at the processional. In this latter case the officiating Minister shall carry the* Altar Book, *assisting Ministers the* Sacramental Vessels *and the* Altar Cross, *Vestrymen, the* Altar Linens *and the* Antependium, Candelabra, Vases, *and* Missal Stand. *The officiating Minister shall go to the Altar, the assisting Ministers shall remain in the Chancel before the Altar.*

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¶ *The Hymn ended, the officiating Minister shall say:*

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

℟. Amen.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord:

℟. Who made heaven and earth.

O Lord, open Thou my lips:

℟. And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Make haste O God, to deliver me:

℟. Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

℟. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

O send out Thy light and Thy truth, let them lead me:

℟. Let them bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy tabernacles.

Then will I go unto the altar of God:
℟. Unto God my exceeding joy.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:
℟. A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.
℟. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
℟. It is meet and right so to do.

IT is truly meet, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God, Who on the Tree of the Cross didst give salvation unto mankind through Christ our Lord; and we humbly beseech Thee, let Thy unspeakable loving kindness and tender mercy be with us, O God, in Whose honor and for Whose glory, we Thine unworthy servants, invoking Thy Holy Name, do dedicate this Altar; graciously hearken unto our petitions and bless and hallow it; and grant that this our offering may be acceptable and pleasing unto Thee Who livest and reignest, One God, world without end.

BLEST and dedicate be this Altar to the honor and glory of God, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

BLESSING and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne: and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. Alleluia. Amen.

[¶ *When the Altar is placed as a memorial and it is desirable to designate it as such at the time of consecration, the officiating Minister may*

say: Hallowed also be this Altar as a memorial to.....
The memory of the just is blessed.]

¶ *Then shall the officiating Minister say:*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who hast called men to the service of Thy Sanctuary: Vouchsafe to all who here minister before Thee the direction, aid, and counsel of Thy Holy Spirit, that they may serve Thee with pure hearts and holy lives; preach Thy Word according to Thy loving purpose in Christ Jesus; humbly and devoutly administer Thy Sacraments; and be found acceptable to Thee as good and faithful stewards of Thy grace; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

MOST Merciful Father, Who in Thy dear Son, hast given us the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and through Him dost call all men to give Thee heart and soul and strength and life: Vouchsafe to all, who, here before this Altar, confess the Lord Jesus before men, the blessing of Thy Holy Spirit, that in Thy Church they may be living stones, elect and precious; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, Everlasting Father, Who dost refresh us as we have need, and dost strengthen our faith with heavenly food, so that we go from strength to strength: Vouchsafe to all who receive at this Altar the Holy Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Thy dear Son, to approach this Holy Mystery with pure hearts, believing desire, and devout thanksgiving, that, comforted with Thy eternal love and goodness, they may be nourished and strengthened in faith, live in love and to the praise of Thy Holy Name, and finally attain to Thy presence in eternity; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, Who dost call all men to Thee, and Who dost graciously receive all them that come: Vouchsafe Thy pardon to all those who here confess their sins; bestow the comfort of Thy Spirit on those who humbly and faithfully bring Thee their needs and sorrows; accept the praise and worship that are offered here; and grant that many may find Thee in this place, and finding Thee, be filled in soul and body with all things needful; and finally, with all Thine own, be united in that communion with Thee which is eternal in the heavens, where Thou livest and reignest, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be sung the* Hymn: Angel voices ever singing (*240*) *or,* Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! (*158*), *the congregation standing.*

¶ *During the singing of the Hymn, the officiating Minister and the assisting ministers shall vest and furnish the Altar. First shall be placed the* Antependium *and then the* Fair Linen *and upon this the* Corporal; *then the* Altar Cross, *the* Candelabra *and the* Vases *shall be set in their places; then shall the* Sacramental Vessels *be placed upon the Corporal and covered with the* Veil. *The Vessels shall not contain the* Elements *unless the* Administration of Holy Communion *follows. Last shall be placed the* Missal Stand.

¶ *The Altar dressed and the Hymn ended the officiating Minister shall say:*

THE Blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost descend and rest upon this Altar and abide in this Holy Place and with us all now and evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be sung or said the* Introit for the Day, *and* The Service *shall follow according to appointment.*

¶ *The* Lessons: *Ezra 3 : 1-6; Hebrews 13 : 10-21; John 3 : 16 shall be read preceding the* Epistle *and* Gospel for the Day *in* The Service.

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OFFICE FOR THE BLESSING OF A PULPIT

¶ *The* Office for the Blessing of a Pulpit *shall be administered at* The Service *after the* Hymn *following the* Creed.

¶ *The Pulpit shall not be vested nor shall the* Pulpit Bible *be upon it. The* Vestment *and* Bible *shall be kept upon a side table against their use at the end of the Office.*

¶ *A selection from the* Lessons: 1 Corinthians 1 : 17–31; 2 Timothy 4 : 1–5; John 1 : 1–14; John 3 : 1–17; Luke 8 : 4–15, *may be used preceding the* Epistle *and* Gospel for the Day.

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¶ *The* Hymn, Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord (*196*), *shall be sung.*

¶ *The officiating Minister, standing in the Chancel before the Altar, shall say:*

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

℟. Amen.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord:

℟. Who made heaven and earth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

℟. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace:

℟. And bring glad tidings of good things.

Their sound went into all the earth:

℟. And their words unto the end of the world.

Our Lord Jesus said: I am the Light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

℟. Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.

¶ *Then going to and standing before the Pulpit, the officiating Minister shall say:*

The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

O GOD, Who dost enlighten the minds of Thy servants with the knowledge of Thy Truth: Bless, we beseech Thee, this Pulpit, and give unto those who shall stand therein, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord, so that they may speak those things which belong unto eternal life as Thou hast revealed in Thy Son Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. *Amen.*

MOST Merciful Father, Who hast revealed Thy love in Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, and through Thy Holy Word dost announce the precious message of salvation in Him: Vouchsafe Thy love to all who hear Thy Word read and preached in this place, that, called to Thy service, they may hold fast the Truth, and faithfully bear unto the end the yoke of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory now and evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *Then turning to the Pulpit, the officiating Minister shall say:*

BLEST and dedicate be this Pulpit to the glory of Almighty God, to the preaching of His Word, to the glad tidings of welcome to whosoever will come, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

BLESSED are they that hear the Word of God and keep it. Amen.

[¶ *When the Pulpit is placed as a memorial and it is desirable to designate it as such at the time of consecration, the officiating Minister may say:* Hallowed also be this Pulpit as a memorial to..... The memory of the just is blessed.]

¶ *Then shall be sung the* Hymn, O Word of God Incarnate (*169*) *or,* Spread, O spread, thou mighty Word (*166*), *during which the officiating Minister shall vest the Pulpit, first placing the* Antependium *and then the* Bible *upon the Pulpit Desk.*

¶ *The Hymn ended, then shall follow the Sermon.*

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OFFICE FOR THE BLESSING OF A LECTERN

¶ *The* Office for the Blessing of a Lectern *shall be administered at* The Service *immediately after the* Collect for the Day.

¶ *The Lectern shall not be vested nor shall the* Bible *be upon the desk. The* Vestment *and* Bible *shall be kept on a side table against their use at the end of the Office.*

¶ *The* Lessons: Isaiah 55 : 8–11; John 17 : 13–23, *may be read before the* Epistle *and the* Gospel for the Day.

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¶ *A Hymn shall be sung.*

[Come, gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove,—150].

¶ *Then the officiating Minister standing before the Altar shall say:*

OUR help is in the Name of the Lord:
℟. Who made heaven and earth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

℟. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Minister: Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.

I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.

I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me.

I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved.

I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

I am the vine, ye are the branches; he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit.

I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any man eat of this bread he shall live for ever.

I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

℟. Yea, Lord: I believe that Thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

Minister: Our Lord Jesus said: If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

℟. Whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected.

The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

O GOD, Who hast said that Thy Word shall not return unto Thee void but that it shall prosper in the thing whereto Thou hast sent it: Receive and bless this Lectern which we dedicate to Thee, and be present, we humbly beseech Thee, when Thy Word is read at this place; reveal Thyself unto us, O God; take of the things of Christ and teach them unto us, that the Way may be shown, the Truth may be known, the Life may be our own, and we, being one in Him, may bring forth the fruits of righteousness and in the end enter into Life Eternal. *Amen.*

GRANT unto all who shall hear Thy Word read from this place, hearing ears and hearts made ready by

the dew of Thy Spirit, that, by Thy grace, they may both receive and apprehend Thy Holy Truth and by a living faith in the same serve Thee with heart and soul and strength and mind; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then going to and standing before the Lectern, the officiating Minister shall say:*

BLEST and dedicate be this Lectern to the honor and glory of Almighty God and to the reading of His Holy Word in the Services of His House, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

SANCTIFY them through Thy Truth: Thy Word is Truth. Alleluia. Amen.

[¶ *When the Lectern is placed as a memorial and it is desirable to designate it as such at the time of consecration, the officiating Minister may say:* Hallowed also be this Lectern as a memorial to..... The memory of the just is blessed.]

¶ *Then shall the officiating Minister say:*

WE give thanks unto Thee, Almighty God, Heavenly Father, that Thou hast given to us Thy Holy Gospel and hast therein revealed unto us Thy fatherly heart: We humbly beseech Thee, graciously preserve the light of Thy Word in us, and so lead and rule our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit, that we never forsake it but cling to its holy teachings and at last come to the Life Eternal promised in Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be sung the* Hymn, Spread, O spread, thou mighty Word (*166*), *during which the officiating Minister shall furnish the Lectern, first placing the* Antependium (*if the Lectern be such as will admit of its use*) *and then the* Bible *upon the desk.*

¶ *The* Hymn *ended, then shall be read the* Epistle *and the* Gospel for the Day. *The* Lessons *appointed in the rubrics preceding this Office may be read before the* Epistle.

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OFFICE FOR THE BLESSING OF A FONT (BAPTISTERY)

¶ *The* Office for the Blessing of a Font (Baptistery) *shall be administered at* The Service *after the* Hymn *following the* Creed.

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¶ *The Hymn,* Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire (142) *shall be sung.*

¶ *The officiating Minister standing in the Chancel before the Altar, shall say:*

OUR help is in the Name of the Lord:
℟. Who made heaven and earth.

With Thee is the fountain of life:
℟. In Thy light shall we see light.

Our Lord Jesus said: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

℟. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then, going to and standing before the Font, the Minister shall say:*

The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast ordained a sacramental means of entrance into Thy Kingdom through the washing of regeneration: Bless, we beseech Thee, this Font (Baptistery) which we dedicate to Thee, and mercifully vouchsafe to all who shall here be consecrated unto Thee the baptism of Thy heavenly bene-

diction, and, O Most Merciful Father, grant them such a measure of Thy grace that, safeguarded by Thee, they may ever remain true to their covenant with Thee, and that what is here begun in them may continue and increase until the day of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

BLEST and dedicate be this Font (Baptistery) to the glory of God, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

UNTO Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father, to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

[¶ *When the Font is placed as a memorial and it is desirable to designate it as such at the time of consecration, the officiating Minister may say:*
Hallowed also be this Font as a memorial to.....
The memory of the just is blessed.]

¶ *Then shall be sung the Hymn,* Blest Spirit, one with God above (148).

¶ *The Hymn ended, then shall follow the Sermon.*

OFFICE FOR THE BLESSING OF AN ALTAR CROSS

¶ *The* Office *shall be administered at* The Service. *It shall follow the* Hymn *after the* Creed.

¶ *The Cross shall be placed on a side table against its use in the Office. No memorial or gift inscription should be placed upon the front side of the Cross or upon its base.*

¶ *The Hymn ended, the officiating Minister shall remove the Cross from the side table to the Altar. He shall place it on the* Mensa *immediately in the middle. Then he shall say:*

OUR help is in the Name of the Lord:
℟. Who made heaven and earth.

God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ:
℟. By whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

THE Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.
℟. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
℟. It is meet and right so to do.

IT is truly meet, right, and salutary, that we should give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Who on the Tree of the Cross didst give salvation unto mankind through Christ, our Lord:

WE therefore pray Thee, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, that Thou wouldest deign to bless this Cross, that it may ever be to us the reminder of our salvation, the foundation of our faith, an incitement to good works, a comfort in all this mortal life: that all who look upon it may love and serve Thee in this life and by Thy mercy, through the Blood of the Cross, enter into life eternal; through Him Who loved us and gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESS and hallow, O Lord Jesus Christ, this Memorial-Standard of Thy Passion and Death, which we place upon Thy Altar this day, that all beholding it may adore Thee and give thanks to Thee for that victory which, through Thy obedience unto death, Thou hast obtained for us and for all who rest in Thee, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost art One God evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the officiating Minister shall place the Cross in its place upon the Altar, and all shall say:*

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be sung the Hymn,* In the Cross of Christ I glory (62).

¶ *The Hymn ended, then shall follow the Sermon.*

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OFFICE FOR THE BLESSING OF A PATEN OR CIBORIUM

¶ *The* Office *shall be administered at* The Service *when there is a Celebration of Holy Communion. It shall follow the* Hymn *after the* Creed.

¶ *The Paten or Ciborium to be blessed shall be placed upon the Altar to one side. It shall not contain Hosts nor shall it be under the Sacramental Veil.*

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¶ *The Hymn ended, the officiating Minister shall go to the Altar, and shall say:*

OUR help is in the Name of the Lord:
℟. Who made heaven and earth.

The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the Body of Christ?

℟. For we being many are one bread and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

The Lord be with you:
℟. And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

O LORD, Who under the Old Covenant didst appoint the use of silver and golden vessels and plates for the service of Thy Sanctuary, that in the same fine flour should be offered on Thy Altar: Graciously accept this Paten (*or*, Ciborium) which we present to Thee for the administration of Thy Holy Sacrament, and grant that all who eat of the consecrated Bread may be made worthy to be vessels of Thy Spirit and their hearts may be made an eternal dwelling-place of Thy majesty; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

BLEST and dedicate be this Paten (*or*, Ciborium) for the administration of the consecrated Bread,

the Communion of the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

¶ *The officiating Minister shall then fill the Paten or Ciborium with Hosts and place it under the Sacramental Veil.*

¶ *Then shall be sung the Hymn,* O Bread to Pilgrims given (186, St. 1 only).

¶ *The Hymn ended, then shall follow the Sermon.*

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OFFICE FOR THE BLESSING OF A CHALICE

¶ *The* Office *shall be administered at* The Service *when there is a Celebration of Holy Communion. It shall follow the* Hymn *after the* Creed.

¶ *The Chalice to be blessed shall be placed upon the Altar to one side. It shall not contain Wine nor shall it be under the Sacramental Veil.*

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¶ *The Hymn ended, the officiating Minister shall go to the Altar, and shall say:*

OUR help is in the Name of the Lord:
℟. Who made heaven and earth.

I will take the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord.

℟. I will offer to Thee the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and will call upon the Name of the Lord.

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the Blood of Christ?

℟. As oft as ye drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come.

The Lord be with you:
℟. And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

O LORD, graciously behold this Chalice which we present to Thee for the administration of Thy Holy Sacrament, and as we humbly offer Thee this vessel of precious metal do Thou in mercy grant that all of Thy believing children who drink of this Cup may participate in the fulness of Redemption purchased for us by Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

BLEST and dedicate be this Chalice as the Cup of Blessing of the Communion of the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then the officiating Minister shall fill the Chalice with Wine and place it under the Sacramental Veil.*

¶ *Then shall be sung the Hymn,* O Fountain, life bestowing (186, St. 2 only).

¶ *The Hymn ended, then shall follow the Sermon.*

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OFFICE FOR THE BLESSING OF SACRAMENTAL VESSELS

¶ *The* Office *shall be administered at* The Service *when there is a Celebration of Holy Communion. It shall follow the* Hymn *after the* Creed.

¶ *The Sacramental Vessels to be blessed (the Paten, the Ciborium, the Chalice, the Flagon, and the Spoon) shall be placed upon the Altar, directly upon the Fair Linen. The Corporal and Sacramental Veil, folded, shall be placed to one side.*

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¶ *The Hymn ended, the officiating Minister shall go to the Altar, and shall say:*

OUR help is in the Name of the Lord:
℟. Who made heaven and earth.

The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the Body of Christ?

℟. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the Blood of Christ?

As oft as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come.

℟. I will offer to Thee the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and will call upon the Name of the Lord.

The Lord be with you:
℟. And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting God, bless and hallow these Vessels, we beseech Thee, which we present to Thee for the administration of Thy Holy Sacrament, that all who partake of the precious Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in this present life, may in the life to come be united with Him in eternal peace and joy; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

BLEST and dedicate be these Vessels for the administration of the Holy Sacrament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be sung the Hymn,* Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face (183) *during which the officiating Minister shall prepare the Sacramental Vessels for the Celebration of Holy Communion. He shall first spread the Corporal upon the Fair Linen. Then he shall fill the Paten and Ciborium with Hosts, and the Flagon and the Chalice with Wine. Then he shall place these prepared Vessels upon the Corporal and cover them with the Sacramental Veil.*

¶ *The Hymn ended, then shall follow the Sermon.*

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OFFICE FOR THE BLESSING OF ALTAR ORNAMENTS, PARAMENTS, VESTMENTS

¶ *The* Office *is proper only at* The Service *and should be administered after the* Hymn *following the* Creed.

¶ *Altar Candelabra, Missal Stands, Vases, Offering Basons; Sacramental Linens, Liturgical Paraments and Vestments may be blessed before use at Divine Service.*

¶ *Whatever the article to be blessed, it should be placed upon a side table, when this can be done conveniently, against its use in the Office and at the time of benediction should be brought to the Altar by the officiating Minister or an Assistant.*

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¶ *The officiating Minister shall say:*

OUR help is in the Name of the Lord:
℟. Who made heaven and earth.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
℟. I will offer unto Thee the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and will call upon the Name of the Lord.

The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

(*Paraments: Linens, Hangings*)

O LORD God Almighty, Who didst command Moses, Thy servant, during the forty days in the Mount to make hangings and fine linens, which also Miriam wove and prepared for the use of Divine Service and for the Tabernacle of the Covenant: Bless and hallow these *Linens—Hangings—Coverings* for the vesting and covering of the Altar of Thine

adorable Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

(*Ornaments*)

HEAR our prayers, O Lord, Most Merciful Father, and graciously bless and hallow these Ornaments prepared for the Service of Thy Sanctuary; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

(*Vestments*)

O LORD God Almighty, Who didst command Moses, Thy servant, to provide vestments for the High Priest, the Priests, and the Levites, required in the services of the Tabernacle of the Covenant, and Who didst bestow the spirit of wisdom to the performance of this command: Bless and hallow, we beseech Thee, these Vestments for use in Divine Worship, and graciously grant that they who are clothed therewith and who minister before Thee in Thy Sanctuary may in humbleness of heart bear the yoke of Christ and be clothed in the garments of salvation; through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

¶ *The article shall then be placed by the Minister during the singing of a Hymn.*

¶ *The Hymn ended, then shall follow the Sermon.*

OFFICE FOR THE BLESSING OF AN ORGAN

¶ *The* Office for the Blessing of an Organ *shall precede* The Service.

¶ *The Ministers and Choir shall enter the Church without instrumental music. A processional Hymn may be sung unaccompanied by the organ. The Ministers remain in the Chancel before the Altar, the Choir going to its appointed place.*

¶ *The* Lessons: 2 Chronicles 29:25–28 *and* Ephesians 5:15–21, *may be read before the* Epistle *and the* Gospel for the Day.

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¶ *The officiating Minister shall say:*

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

℟. Amen.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord:

℟. Who made heaven and earth.

Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary: praise Him in the firmament of His power.

℟. Praise Him for His mighty acts: praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet: praise Him with the psaltery and harp.

℟. Praise Him with the timbrel and dance: praise Him with stringed instruments and organs.

Praise Him upon the loud cymbals: praise Him upon the high sounding cymbals.

℟. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

℟. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord:
℟. And to sing praises unto Thy Name, O Most High.

The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

O GOD, Who by Thy servant Moses didst command that trumpets should be made and blown at the making of sacrifices to Thy Name and Who didst desire the praise of Thy Name to be chanted by the children of Israel with trumpets and cymbals: Bless, we beseech Thee, this Organ, which we dedicate to Thy Worship; and grant that Thy faithful ones joyfully praising Thee in spiritual songs here on earth may at length enter into the eternal joys in heaven; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, to Whom the Cherubim and Seraphim adoringly sing, Holy, Holy, Holy: Grant that as our voices are uplifted to Thy praise, so we may continually sing and make melody in our hearts unto Thee, Who livest and reignest, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then standing before the organ, the officiating Minister shall say:*

BLEST and dedicate be this Organ to the praise of Almighty God, to His honor and glory, and to the uplift of our hearts and minds in the services of His House, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise unto the Rock of our salvation. Alleluia. Amen.

[¶ *When the Organ is placed as a memorial and it is desirable to designate it as such at the time of consecration, the officiating Minister may*

say: Hallowed also be this Organ as a memorial to..... The memory of the just is blessed.]

¶ *Then shall all sing accompanied by the Organ:*

Angel voices, ever singing (240)

¶ *Then shall the officiating Minister say:*

THE Blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be sung or said the* Introit for the Day, *and* The Service *shall follow as appointed.*

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OFFICE FOR THE BLESSING OF A TOWER BELL (BELLS—CHIMES)

¶ *The* Office for the Blessing of a Bell (Bells—Chimes) *may be used at* The Service *or at an afternoon* Vespers.

¶ *The Bell shall have been suspended in the Tower prior to the administration of this Office.*

¶ *When used at* The Service, *it shall follow the* Creed.

¶ *When used at* Vespers, *it shall follow the* Responsory *after the last* Lesson.

¶ *The* Lesson: Numbers 10 : 1–10, *may precede the* Liturgical Lessons *at* The Service, *or be the* First Lesson *at* Vespers.

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¶ *A Hymn shall be sung.*

God Himself is present (424) or,
For the beauty of the earth (292).

¶ *The officiating Minister standing before the Altar shall say:*

OUR help is in the Name of the Lord:
℟. Who made heaven and earth.

Praise ye the Lord.
℟. Praise God in His sanctuary: praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His Name:

℟. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

℟. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD Who by Thy servant Moses didst command that silver trumpets should be made to call the people to holy assemblies: Bless, we beseech Thee, *this Bell*, dedicated to Thine honor and glory, and grant that *its voice* may sound forth from generation to generation, ever calling Thy children to holy convocation in praise and worship of Thy glorious Name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the officiating Minister say:*

BLEST and dedicate be *this Bell* to the honor and glory of Almighty God, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

SING forth the honor of His Name: make His praise glorious.

[¶ *When the Bell is placed as a memorial and it is desirable to designate it as such at the time of the consecration, the officiating Minister may say:* Hallowed also be this Bell as a memorial to..... The memory of the just is blessed.]

¶ *Then shall the Bell be struck in single notes three times, thrice, and after a brief pause rung seven times.*

¶ *When a peal of three or four bells is blessed, the largest bell shall be struck three times, thrice, and then all the bells in the peal shall be rung until the largest bell shall have been rung seven times.*

¶ *If it be a chime that is blessed, the largest bell shall be struck three times, thrice, then all the bells of the chimes (in a perfect scale) shall be struck in rotation beginning with the highest in tone and running down the scale to the lowest; this shall be done thrice and then the largest bell shall be rung seven times.*

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¶ *The* Intercessory Prayer *may be used instead of the* General Prayer *at* The Service, *and instead of* The Prayer *following the* Kyrie *at* Vespers.

THE INTERCESSORY PRAYER

ALMIGHTY God, Who dost endow Thy children with manifold gifts and graces, blessing their lives with the treasures of beauty and harmony, and dost make skilful their hands to the creation of the useful and the beautiful: Accept this our offering which we have dedicated to Thy service and grant that its use may ever be an hallowed one and that its sound may never cease to call men unto Thee;

℟. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

We humbly pray that its voice may ever be a joyful sound to Thy children, calling them to worship and prayer, that they may enter into Thy gates with thanksgiving and into Thy courts with praise;

℟. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

We humbly pray that its voice may ever be a calling to remembrance to those who have strayed from Thy Way;

That it may call in solemn rebuke to the careless and indifferent;

That it may ring forth a sure welcome to the sinner and to whosoever will come;

℟. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

We humbly pray for those, who, through the sorrows and sufferings of this present life, are prevented from coming to Thy House, that its sound may bring to mind Thy love and compassion for all who suffer;

Thy courage and help for those who are sore beset;

Thy peace for those who are heavy laden; and

Thy comfort for those who mourn;

℟. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

We humbly pray that when it tolls forth the message of the passing of a soul into the Life that knows no end-

ing, we may rejoice and give thanks for the victory which our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, hath obtained for us and for all who sleep in Him, and ever seek Thy grace that we may so live as to enter the rest prepared for the children of God;

℟. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

And when it sounds forth, far and wide, in rejoicing and thanksgiving, may we lift up our hearts in adoration and praise to Thee, O God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, Who livest and reignest evermore.

℟. Amen.

OUR Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *As the Lord's Prayer is prayed the Bell shall be rung.*

¶ *Then shall be sung a Hymn of Praise and the Service continue thereafter as appointed.*

OFFICE FOR THE UNVEILING AND BLESSING OF A MEMORIAL WINDOW

¶ *The* Office *shall be administered at* The Service. *It shall follow the* Hymn *after the* Creed.

¶ *If the window is conveniently located for unveiling, the donor or his representative may act at the unveiling; otherwise the entire Office shall be administered at the Altar.*

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¶ *The officiating Minister, standing at the Altar, shall say:*

OUR help is in the Name of the Lord:
℟. Who made heaven and earth.

The Dayspring from on high hath visited us; to give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death;
℟. To guide our feet into the way of peace.

Our Lord Jesus said: I am the Light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.
℟. The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear?

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
℟. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then the officiating Minister shall go to and stand at the window to be unveiled and blessed. The person designated to unveil the window shall likewise come to the window and stand with the Minister.*

¶ *Then shall the window be unveiled, the Minister saying:*

ARISE, shine; for thy Light is come, and the Glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Alleluia.

¶ *Then shall the officiating Minister say:*

BLEST and dedicate be this Window to the glory of Almighty God, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

HALLOWED also be this Window as a memorial to.....The memory of the just is blessed.

Let us pray.

O GOD, Who commanded the Light to shine out of darkness and didst send Thy Son to be the Light of Life: Accept this Window which we humbly dedicate to the enrichment of Thy House; and as the light which Thou hast created illuminates it, shedding its radiance in this Holy Place, so may the light of the knowledge of Thy glory in Thy dear Son shine in our hearts and nourish us in all holy living; through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall follow a Hymn.*

¶ *The Hymn ended, then shall follow the Sermon.*

OFFICE FOR THE BLESSING OF A STEEPLE CROSS

¶ *If the Office be appointed for the morning, the* Lessons: 1 Corinthians 1 : 17–31; Galatians 6 : 14–18; John 19 : 16b–22, *may be read before the Liturgical Lessons for the Day. The Office shall follow the* General Prayer *and begin with a* Hymn. *It shall conclude with a* Hymn *and the* Benediction.

¶ *If the Office be appointed for the afternoon or evening, the* Order of Vespers *shall be used with the following appointments:* Psalm 24, *or* 121, *or* 150; *the* Lessons *noted in the preceding rubric; the* Canticle, Dignus est Agnus. *The Office shall follow the Canticle and shall be concluded as follows: The* Hymn, In the Cross of Christ I Glory (*62*); *the* Benedicamus *and the* New Testament Benediction.

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¶ *The officiating Minister, standing before the Altar and facing the congregation shall say:*

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

¶ *The congregation shall respond:*

Amen.

¶ *Then shall the officiating Minister say:*

AND in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people unto him shall the nations seek.

℟. And his resting place shall be glorious.

O send out Thy light and Thy truth; let them lead me:

℟. Let them bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy tabernacles.

Our Lord Jesus said: I am the light of the world:

℟. He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts:

℟. To give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,

℟. By whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

¶ *Then all shall sing:*

THE GLORIA PATRI.

¶ *Then shall the officiating Minister say:*

The Lord be with you.

℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Light of Life, Who by Thy Cross and Precious Blood hast redeemed the world: We humbly pray that Thou wilt receive and bless this Steeple Cross which has been erected to Thy glory, that through its welcoming light the eyes and thoughts of many may be drawn to Thee Who art come to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and that their feet may be turned to the Way wherein they may find the Peace which Thou alone canst give; Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

BLEST and dedicate be this Cross: to the Glory of God and to the silent testimony of Redemption in Jesus, and glad welcome to whosoever will come: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

¶ *Then shall a* Hymn (162) *be sung and the Office shall be concluded as appointed in the rubrics preceding this Order.*

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A GENERAL OFFICE OF BENEDICTION

¶ *This* Office *is proper for the blessing of any articles for which a Proper Office has not been appointed.*

¶ *The Office shall be administered at* The Service. *It shall follow the* Hymn *after the* Creed.

¶ *The article to be blessed, if possible, shall be conveniently placed in the Chancel.*

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¶ *The Hymn ended, the officiating Minister shall say:*

OUR help is in the Name of the Lord:
℟. Who made heaven and earth.

God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward His Name.

℟. To do good and to communicate forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

O LORD God, Who hast commanded every man to offer unto Thee of Thine own gifts according to the purpose of his heart, and Who dost abundantly requite them from Thine eternal bounty: Be pleased to accept, we beseech Thee, this offering now made unto Thee by Thy servants, and grant that it may be used unto Thy glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, by Whose Word all things are sanctified: Pour out Thy benediction upon this..... (*or*, offering)....., that whoever shall use it according to Thy purpose and will in thanksgiving unto Thee, may glorify Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be sung a Hymn.*

¶ *The Hymn ended, then shall follow the Sermon.*

OFFICE FOR THE DEDICATION OF A HOSPITAL—HOUSE OF MERCY

¶ *The* Office for the Dedication of a Hospital (House of Mercy) *should be conducted within the building in connection with its formal or first opening.*

¶ *The Office shall be administered by an Ordained Minister of the Gospel: The President of Synod, or the Chaplain of the Institution, or a Minister invited by the Institution's authorities.*

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¶ *A Hymn shall be sung, all standing.*

¶ *The officiating Minister shall say:*

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

℟. Amen.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

℟. Who made heaven and earth.

Our Lord Jesus said, Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

℟. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly of heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed; and he cast out the spirits with his word and healed all that were sick:

℟. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

The Lord is nigh unto all that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

℟. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

O LORD God, our Heavenly Father, compassionate and merciful, Who dost heal all our diseases and comfort us in all our distresses, and Who dost commit Thy needy and suffering children to our loving care and ministry: Be pleased to accept at our hands this Building, reared in Thy Name to Thy glory and to be a harbor and resting-place for those troubled with sickness; and, of Thy mercy, we beseech Thee, put upon it and all that is done here to relieve and cure the distresses of body and mind Thy healing benediction, so that thanksgivings may rise to glorify Thee Who art our health and our song; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the officiating Minister say:*

BLEST and dedicate be this Building to the Glory of God, and to the ministry of love and healing care, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

INASMUCH as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me.

Hallowed also be this Building (and the gifts therein) to the memory of.....

Bear ye one anothers burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. The memory of the just is blessed.

Let us pray for all who may be brought to this House of Mercy.

O GOD, Our Father, Whose compassion never faileth, Whose love ever guardeth, Whose presence ever aideth: Hear us, we humbly beseech Thee, when we pray for all who may ever come here seeking health, and grant that they may find both health of body and

the healing medicine of Thy saving grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all who minister here.

MOST Merciful Father, Who dost commit to our love and care our fellowmen in their necessities: Graciously be with and prosper all those who are seeking and ministering to the sick and needy, especially those who are serving in this place; let their ministry be abundantly blessed in bringing ease to the suffering, comfort to the sorrowing, and peace to the dying; and themselves be inspired with the consecration to selfless service, knowing that inasmuch as they do it unto even the least of the Master's brethren, they do it unto Him Who came to minister Thy love unto men, even Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all who in this place will cry to our Father.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, the Comfort of the sad, the Strength of sufferers: Let the prayers of those that cry out of any tribulation come unto Thee, that they may rejoice to find Thy mercy is present with them in their affliction; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray as our Master has taught us, for each other and for ourselves.

OUR Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost be with you.

Let us pray.

WE give thanks unto Thee, O Father of Jesus Christ our Lord, that Thou hast called us to the Fellowship of the Gospel and dost bind us together in the bonds of love and brotherhood and service in the Church established by Thy dear Son; and we humbly pray that those who are this day united with us and we with them may be one in Thee and grow in grace and walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing being fruitful in every good work and increasing in knowledge of Thee always, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace; and, O Most Merciful Father, we beseech Thee, complete that good work which Thou hast begun in us that at the Day of Christ we may be welcomed in the Church Triumphant, there ever to glorify Thee with Thy Son in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God blessed for evermore. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Pastor bless them, saying:*

THE Blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost be with you, and abide upon this Congregation evermore. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be sung a Hymn, and then shall follow the Sermon.*

OFFICE FOR THE RESTORATION OF ONE WHO HAS LAPSED, TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCH

¶ *When a Pastor is assured that one who has lapsed from membership in the Church of Christ is genuinely desirous to be restored to full participation in the Means of Grace and to active membership in the Congregation, he shall require the presence of such person at a duly appointed Service, there formally to be restored and welcomed.*

¶ *The* Office *shall be administered at* The Service. *It shall follow the* Hymn *after the* Creed.

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¶ *The Pastor standing before the Altar shall say:*

BRETHREN: N.N. desires to be restored to the Communion of the Church. *He* will now present *himself* before the Chancel.

¶ *The Person to be restored shall then come to the Chancel. The Congregation shall rise, and the Pastor shall say:*

BELOVED: It is fitting that you should witness your desire to reenter the Communion of the Church of our Lord, and therefore, I ask you:

DO you covenant with our Lord, by His grace, to abide faithfully His own, and to cherish and use your privileges as a member of His Church?

℟. By His grace, I do.

¶ *Then the one to be restored shall kneel, and the Pastor, laying his hands upon* his *head, shall say:*

N. N. is restored to the Communion of the Church ℣. of Christ, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

love both here at home in this place and in the activities of the Church at large?

℟. We will with God's help.

Having by your application signified your willingness to abide by the Constitution of the Synod and its formal enactments, do you accept your privilege of representation and participation in all its deliberations?

℟. We do.

UPON this your covenant, I declare the ..... (*Name of Church*).....admitted to union with .....(*Name of Synod*).....and authorize you to participate in all privileges of this synodical union.

¶ *Then shall the President of Synod say:*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, Who for the propagation of the of the Holy Gospel hast established Thy Church among men and hast gathered Thy believing children into congregations for the furtherance of Thy Kingdom and their nourishment and growth in the Way that leadeth to Life: Bless this union into which this church and Synod have entered to Thy glory and to their mutual profit in Thy work, that Thy Name may be hallowed, Thy Kingdom come, and Thy Will be done; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Service conclude as appointed in the Rubrics preceding this Office.*

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OFFICE FOR THE RECEPTION OF A MINISTER INTO SYNOD

¶ *This Order is provided for the formal reception of Ministers into Synod from other Synods of the Church. Applicants shall present proper Letters to the authorities of Synod to which they are applying for admission prior to the Convocation, and shall meet whatever other requirements Synod may have established constitutionally.*

¶ *The Letters having been found acceptable and the Applicants properly commended, and the reception having been authorized by ministerial and synodical action, they may be formally received according to this Order at a time appointed by the President.*

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¶ *The Applicants shall be presented before the Chancel by the Secretary of Synod or other person appointed for the purpose.*

¶ *The President of Synod, properly vested, shall stand before the Altar, facing the Synod.*

¶ *Synod shall rise as the Brethren are presented.*

¶ *The Presenter shall say:*

REVEREND PRESIDENT: N.N. (*Naming the Brethren*), having accepted calls to labor in our Synod, have been commended to us as worthy of reception by us. By ministerial and synodical action their reception has been authorized and they are therefore now presented to you for formal admission into Synod.

¶ *Then shall the President of Synod address the Applicants, saying:*

BRETHREN: Your commendation to us as Brethren in the Faith and Ministers of the Church is assurance to us of the bond which knits us together. The.....(*Name of Synod*).....has authorized your reception; but first it is required that you give public witness to your purpose in entering this bond of union in the Lord. I therefore ask you:

¶ *Weekday Services.*

The Regulation: The bell shall be rung seven times one hour before, one-half hour before, and at the hour of, Divine Service.

After the ringing of the bell at the hour of Divine Service a brief pause shall follow and then the bell shall be struck in single notes three times, announcing the immediate beginning of Divine Worship.

¶ *Daily.*

The Regulation: The bell shall be rung at the following hours daily: At 6.00 o'clock A. M.; at 12.00 o'clock Noon; and at 6.00 o'clock P. M. in summer; at 7.00 o'clock A. M.; at 12.00 o'clock Noon; and at 6.00 o'clock P. M. in winter. These are the ancient hours of daily adoration and praise.

The bell shall be rung at each of these hours in the following manner: It shall be struck in single notes three times thrice with a brief pause between each three notes, and then shall be rung seven times.

¶ *At the Lord's Prayer.*

The Regulation: The bell shall be rung throughout the praying of the Lord's prayer in Divine Worship at whatever place in the Liturgy or Orders it may be said, whether morning or evening, Sunday or weekday.

¶ *At a Marriage.*

The Regulation: The bell may be rung seven times at the hour of a Marriage; throughout the praying of the Lord's Prayer in the Order; and when the Bridal Party leaves the church.

¶ *At a Funeral.*

The Regulation: The bell may be tolled at intervals of three to seven seconds to announce the passing of a

member of the Church; but the total number of strokes shall not be less than seven or more than the age of the deceased if this exceeds more than seven.

The bell may be tolled while the funeral cortege approaches the church and until the casket has been carried within the church door.

The bell may be tolled as the casket is carried from the church but not after the cortege has started from before the church.

If committal is made in an adjacent Church Yard, the bell may be tolled while the casket is carried to the grave; but it shall not be tolled during the committal or thereafter.

REGULATIONS FOR THE RINGING OF A PEAL

¶ *A Peal normally consists of three bells varying in size from the small Prayer or Our Father Bell, to the deep-toned Tolling Bell.*

¶ *On the Eve of a Greater Festival or Day.*

¶ *The Greater Festivals and Days are enumerated in Rubric 1, Page 187.*

The Regulation: The full peal shall be rung until the largest bell shall have been rung seven times, at 6.00 o'clock P. M., 6.30 and 7.00 on the Eve of the Festival or Day, the only exception being the Eve of the Circumcision when the peal shall be rung at midnight after the hour Twelve has been struck in single notes upon the big bell.

¶ *On the Greater Festivals and Sundays.*

The Regulation: On the morning of a Greater Festival or Sunday the full peal shall be rung until the largest bell shall have been rung seven times at 6.00 o'clock in summer and at 7.00 o'clock in winter.

One-half hour before the hour of Divine Service the smallest bell of the peal shall be rung seven times.

One-quarter of an hour before the hour of Divine Service the smallest and the second bells shall be rung until the larger bell shall have been rung seven times.

At 6.30 o'clock P. M. the peal of the chimes shall be rung until the largest bell shall have been struck seven times.

At 7.00 o'clock P. M. the full chimes shall be rung as directed in the first of these rubics.

¶ *On the Greater Festivals and Sundays.*

The Regulation: The full chimes shall be rung on the morning or a Greater Festival or Sunday in the manner appointed in Rubric 1 of the preceding regulation, at 6.00 o'clock in the summer and at 7.00 o'clock in the winter.

The full chimes shall be rung one-half hour before the hour of Divine Service in the manner appointed in the Rubric referred to above.

The peal of the chimes shall be rung one-quarter of an hour before the hour of Divine Service as appointed in Rubric, page 189.

At the hour of Divine Service the full peal shall be rung as appointed in Rubric, page 190.

¶ *Weekday Services.*

The Regulation: The full chimes may be rung one hour before the hour of Divine Service as appointed in the Rubric 1, page 191.

This may be followed by the playing of appropriate hymn tunes or other appropriate musical numbers.

¶ *Daily.*

The Regulation: Morning: After the ringing of the Prayer Bell, a morning hymn or hymn of praise may be played on the chimes.

Noon: After the ringing of the Prayer Bell, an appropriate hymn may be played on the chimes.

Evening: After the ringing of the Prayer Bell, an evening hymn or other appropriate hymn or musical number may be played on the chimes.

¶ *At the Lord's Prayer.*

The Regulation: The Prayer Bell of the chimes is rung throughout the praying of the Lord's Prayer in Divine Worship at whatever place in the Liturgy or Orders it may be said, whether morning or evening, Sunday or weekday.

¶ *At a Marriage.*

The Regulation: The full chimes may be rung in the manner appointed in Rubric 1, page 191, at the hour of the Marriage, and again when the Bridal Party leaves the church. The Prayer Bell of the chimes shall be rung throughout the praying of the Lord's Prayer in the Order.

¶ *At a Funeral.*

The Regulation: The chimes is not rung under any circumstances at a Funeral.

The lowest bell in the scale is the Tolling Bell, and this bell may be used. Regulations governing this bell's tolling will be found in the rubrics governing the Ringing of Single Bell.

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¶ *At the time of the* Blessing, *the President may lay his hand upon the head of the Applicant when he says:* Almighty God grant thee richest grace, etc.

¶ *The Presenter shall say:*

REVEREND PRESIDENT: *N.N.* (*Naming the Applicant*) has applied for admission into the Ministry of the Church in order to serve (*Naming the Congregation or Parish*) to the Pastorate of which he has been called. He has been commended to us as worthy of reception. He has been approved by the Examining Committee as one who may be received to labor among us in the Holy Ministry. By synodical action his reception into Synod has been duly authorized. He is, therefore, now presented to you for formal admission.

¶ *Then shall the President of Synod address the Applicant, saying:*

GRACE be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

YOUR commendation to us as one who has served in the Ministry of the Gospel is assurance to us of the bond which knits us together. However, it is required that you give public witness to your acceptance of the Faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church and your readiness to enter upon its Ministry.

I therefore ask you, before Almighty God and this Synod:

DO you hold and confess the Faith of the Lord Jesus as confessed and taught by the Church?

℟. I do.

Will you preach and teach the pure Word of God in accordance with the Confession of the Church and faithfully live what you profess?

℟. I will, with God's help.

Do you covenant to submit to synodical authority as ordered in its Constitution and enacted at its Convocations?

℟. I do so covenant.

Will you foster the bond of Brotherhood, and, as one of many who are one in the Lord, loyally strive to further the work of the Kingdom?

℟. I will, with God's help.

¶ *The Applicant shall kneel, and the President shall bless him, saying:*

ALMIGHTY God grant thee richest grace in heart and mind and body, to thy furtherance in the Ministry of His Gospel; and crown thy labors with His acceptance; keep thee ever steadfast in the true faith; and bless thy life with His abiding Presence. Amen.

¶ *The President, facing the Altar, shall then say:*

Let us pray.

O GOD, Who hast established Thy Church to be the present and eternal Home of the souls of men for the Glory of the Gospel of Thy Son: Bestow upon this our Brother and on us, Thy humble servants, whom Thou hast called to speak and teach the very Word of God, to minister in transcendent things, and to steward Thy churches, the benediction, love, and power of Thy Holy Spirit; so that we, who are so diverse in gifts, may

be one in Thee; we, who are so weak in strength and will, may be strong in Thee; we, who have nothing, may have all in Thee; to the end, that in Thee and for Thee, we may minister to the souls of men, and ever declare Thy Way and Truth to this sinful world, for the sake of Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Applicant rise, and the President, taking his hand, shall say:*

I NOW declare you a member of (*Naming the Synod*), and authorize you to participate in all of its deliberations.

¶ *Then shall the President give the* Benediction, *saying:*

THE Blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

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Pa.